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WASHINGTON, July 24

(Agencies) — Defense Secretary

Harold Brown said in an interview

published here that the United

States is prepared to use military

power to defend its vital interests

in such areas as the Gulf but that

the interests of the countries of the

"I think the United States is

prepared to use military power

He emphasized in the interview,

now in defense of its vital inter-

in the current issue of "U.S. News

and World Report' magazine,

that U.S. vital interests were more

narrowly defined now as a result

Asked what this meant in terms

of the Guif, source of a large

proportion of U.S. oil imports, he

said: "Well, I specifically had that

in mind among other areas. The

United States considers that that's

had been trying at the same time

to support requests for help from

countries in the area without

intruding itself into the area, "and

(Reuters Monday erroneously

reported flatly that Brown had

said the United States would not

use military force to protect its oil

important that Gulf states

improve their security and the

United States was trying to help in

Asked if he foresaw the possibil-

ity of U.S. forces being deployed

in an area like the Gulf to protect

Reuter errs

BEIRUT, July 24 (R) - A

bomb exploded at the Libyan

embassy in Amman on Sunday

night but there were no casualties,

well-informed sources said in

Brown emphasized that it was

But he said the United States

a vital area of its interests.

that's not likely to change."

supplies from the Gulf).

that regard.

Monday report.

Expo Middle East opened

By Nigel Harvey London Bureau

exporters joined the Arab News and Asharq al Awsat sponsored

together a wide range of products and services in a central London

hotel. A similar expo last year attracted over 3,000 visitors, mostly

from the Middle East. The organizers this year hope for even more.

household goods, construction, communications and irrigation con-

tractors, to a host of electronic consumer goods like video recorders

Awsat have organized a two-day conference on Arab banking and

finance which begins Wednesday, also at the Grosvenor House

Islamic Banks Association, will discuss Arab culture and its influence

ket - and Amman's prospects: Kuwait's financial market and trends

in the Gulf's development as a major financial center: and the recent

and expected patterns in Arab overseas investment. Project financ-

on international banking with over 150 banking delegates.

Expo Middle East Trade Fair which started Tuesday.

a one-man pleasure Hovercraft for all surfaces.

LONDON, July 24 - Over sixty American and European

The exhibition, which runs to the end of the week, brings

Exhibits range from engineering services, security equipment,

One group is offering "computerised fitness training", another,

In conjunction with the exhibition, Arab News and Asharq al

Prince Muhammad al Faisal, chairman of the International

Other topics will include the development of Saudi capital mar-

region are paramount.

of the Vietnam War.

ests," he said.

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numed from a tour of Asian quest the Korean government is undying the possibility of Korean borers working for the Saudi rivate sector.

dmiration for the Kingdom's poly in the Middle East and world

Misi eputation at both the official and impossible in the countries I isited," he added. s volum ng-



Prince Naif

Earlier Monday, Second Deputy Premier and Commander of the National Guard, Prince Abdullah joined the royal court at Taif after a private visit abroad. He was received by Crown Prince Fahd and other senior officials.

Ramadan Today

entrage. JEDDAH, July 24 — The Holy Month of Ramadan began Wednesday after sighting of the crescent of the fasting month was offihandle state cially confirmed Tuesday.

Ramadan lasts 29 or 30 days depending on the lunar calendar. It ' are will be followed by Eid al Fitr.

During Ramadan government departments will work from 9 a.m. mul 2 The private sector will set its own working hours.

To Our Readers

On the occasion of the Holy Month of Ramadan Arab News extends greeting and best wishes to its readers.

openran's navy chief told to remain at his post

TEHRAN, July 24 (AP) — for plotting to blow up pipelines, Rear Adm. Ahmad Madani's res- and one for incest with his daughgnation as chief of Iran's navy has ters, the official Pars news agency not been accepted by the govern-reported. the nent and he has been ordered to tay on, the government innounced Tuesday.

Madani also serves as governor eneral of the southern Khuzestan ж.:хгоvince.

The admiral's resignation has neen demanded by leaders of bout 2 million Arabs in Khuzesan claiming he has kept a tight lid on their aspirations for some legree of autonomy.

Madani, known as a tough dministrator, has ordered a rackdown on Arabs attempting o disrupt Iran's petroleum proluction in Khuzestan.

In an interview to the newsaper "Manbamdadn" Madani aid that because of his heavy vorkioad as governor general, he ras unable to carry out his duties s navy chief. He also cited fatigue another reason for submitting

s resignation. Meanwhile, five more men were xecuted by firing squad in

hozestan Tuesday, two of them

Travel Supplement oday's Arab News includes ent on travel.

Their deaths raised the execu-

tion toll in Iran to 363 since revolutionary forces led by Ayatollah Khomeini overthrew

reported Tuesday.

farther north Monday.

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The newspapers' correspon-

dents at the border area said the

Iranian troops returned to their

country at a major frontier post

Government officials in Ankara

declined all comment on the

reports. Official reference to

Kurds, several million of whom

inhabit Turkey, is taboo and they

are normally described in official

statement and documents as

Pars said Abdoi-Zahra Daris and Abdol-Jalil Daris, two Iranian Arabs, were arrested by oil com-

pany guards Monday and convicted by an Islamic revolutionary court of planning to place a bomb beneath pipelines leading to the Abadan refinery, the world's largest. -Sarkis. In another development, a pat-

rol of 88 Iranian soldiers crossed the border into eastern Turkey last weekend after being cornered did not elaborate by Iranian Kurds fighting for autonomy. Turkish newspapers

Heat stroke kills 67 in south Iran

TEHRAN, July 24 (R) Sixty-seven persons died of heat stroke as the temperature reached 48 degrees centigrade (118 farenheit) in the southern Iranian

forced shops and offices to close

o help private sector houses, but U.S. U.S. ready to defend Gulf protests strongly

self-defence."

from Beirut."

must be stopped.

Lebanon.

were repeated.

about the raids.

The State Department, in one

of its sharpest rebukes of Israel, said in a statement: "The United

States strongly condemns the Israeli air attacks up and down the

Lebanese coast on Sunday, which

hit targets in one case only miles

added "I have just said in

strongest terms that such raids

He indicated that the United

States was particularly concerned

that the casualties were civilian -

including women and children —

and the attacks not confined to

Palestinian commando bases in

But the State Department did

not say what the United States

would do if such raids using U.S.-

supplied aircraft — F-4 Phantoms

staged the strike on Sunday -

tions of the raids as far as U.S. law

was concerned were still being

studied." I expect we will be fol-

At the United Nations Leban-

ese representative Ghassan Tueni

protested to the Security Council

Kaddoumi to see

Francois-Poncet

PARIS, July 24 (R) - French

Foreign Minister Jean Francois-

Poncet will meet Farouk Kad-

doumi, head of the Palestine Lib-.

eration Organization's (PLO's)

foreign affairs department, Wed-

The meeting will take place

French presidential and foreign

ministry officials said they were

unaware of an impending visit by

Arafat to France.

and digital watches.

amid persistent press reports that

PLO leader Yasser Arafat might

nesday, officials said Tuesday.

on Arafat visit

lowing up on this," he said.

Carter said the legal implica-

Spokesman Hodding Carter

TEL AVIV, July 24 (R) — Israeli soldiers Monday night blew up houses in South Lebanon which a military spokesman claimed had been used by Palestimian commandos.

The spokesman said the Israeli army unit dynamited the buildings in the village of Majdal Silm, in the central sector of the border zone,

safely, the spokesman said. into South Lebanon in recent weeks to attack what it claims were commando bases, but

Sarkis, Klibi meet on South

in the South.

Klibi, who arrived here Monday at the start of an Arab tour, conferred Sunday night with Farouk Kaddoumi, head of the Political Department at the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO).

Klibi told reporters later that he was leaving Lebanon convinced that the situation was highly critical and that there were many obs-

"This burden must not continue to be shouldered by the people alone," he said. The Arab nation must bear its

share."

Klibi said the Arab states should work out a unified political strategy for the whole of Lebanon and the Palestine issue.

In another development Kuwaiti Ambassador Abdul-Hamid al-Beijan Tuesday conveyed an oral message from the ruler of Kuwait, Sheikh Jaber al-Ahmed al-Sabah, to President

after evacuating its inhabitants. All Israeli troops returned Israel has launched several raids

authorities in South Lebanon say the attacks have been aimed at civilian targets.
Meanwhile, in Washington, the

United States denounced in "strongest terms" the latest Israeli air strikes on Lebanon.

But Israeli Ambassador Ephraim Evron reiterated Israeli

BEIRUT, July 24 (R) - President Elias Sarkis Tuesday conferred with visiting Arab League Secretary General Chedly Klibi, who said later they had discussed the situation in Lebanon, particularly

He left Beirut later Tuesday for

tacles to overcome.

Beijan told reporters that the message had dealt with the general situation in Lebanon, but he

city of Ahvaz Tuesday.

The heat and a power cut also

Carter wants support on energy from Congress

WASHINGTON, July 24 (AP) - President Jimmy Carter, moving to improve relations with a Congress confounded by recent upheavals in his administration, is appealing to his party's congressional leaders for help in preserv-ing legislation be considers absolutely essential" to his energy

Faced with the possible loss of tax revenues needed to finance his \$ 142 billion energy blueprint, Carter called Democratic leaders to a White House breakfast meeting Tuesday to make his case for the legislation.

ing will also come under scrutiny.

Later, Carter planned to meet with many of the people be appointed to high-level jobs in cabinet departments and independent agencies.

On Monday, he assured about 300 White House staff members that if they are competent, hard working and loyal, they have nothing to fear from the controversial "report cards" being

filled out by their bosses. Turning his attention to energy,

Carter was asking top Capitol Hill Democrats for: help in warding off amendments that could significantly cut revenues from the windfall profits" tax he has asked for as part of his earlier plan to decontrol domestic oil prices.

Jody Powell said Monday that the legislation's full tax revenues are necessary if the goals Carter outlined in his nationwide speech July 15 are to be met. He said Carter is concerned about proposed

- Exempt independent producers from the tax, a move White House officials said would cost \$ 25.2 billion in the first 10 years of

- Exempt newly discovered oil, paring another \$ 35.8 billion in revenue from the proposed levy, officials said.

The administration estimates a total of about \$ 55 billion would be lost if Congress passed both amendments. If left as it is the tax is expected to reap\$ 142 billion in

Meanwhile, Carter, pleased by

that we're not going to overlook the importance of the degree of welcome or support from the people in the region." Questioned about suggestions that the United States should use force if needed to take over oilfields in the Gulf on the grounds of safeguarding security interests, he

said, "One remnant from Vietnam

said," It seems to me that that kind of approach is hard to characterize other than as aggression ... I think we are not like that. That's why political cooperation and the political path ought to be paid consid-

erable attention to.' Arab News Washington Bureau, added Tuesday that the recent U.S. warning to American oil tankers in the Gulf to be on the alert for a possible "terrorist action " last Monday in the Strait of Hormuz appears to have originated from reports passed to the U.S. government by Israeli intelligence, according to informed sources here.

The warning, issued by radio to

consent of the people there, he that hasn't changed - and I think iust as well hasn't changed - is

Herold Brown

tankers and other ships in the Gulf through the U.S. Defense Mapping Agency, was the fifth such alert in recent years, the Pentagon

The most recent warning before Monday's was broadcast June 8, a Defense Department spokesman told " Arab News.

None of the five "threats" materialized, the spokesman said. Monday's alert advised ships to be on the lookout for "any unusual or abnormal activity" in

the Hormuz area which " could

While the Pentagon spokesman would not say which group or individuals was believed to have planned the alleged action scheduled for Monday, it recently issued a threat against American shipping in the Gulf.

result in a possible hijacking or

other hostile action

The Defense Department spokesman declined to identify the source of the hijack report, other than to say that such shipping alerts are the result of information gathered from "various government agencies.

No details released

Sadat, Peres review situation

official said.

CAIRO, July 24 (Agencies) -Egyptian President Anwar Sadat met Tuesday with Israeli opposition leader Shimon Peres in the Mediterranean city of Alexandria.

Cairo radio reported the meeting took place in the Egyptian leader's seaside villa, but gave no details of the subjects discussed. Sadat and Peres, however, were expected to review the pace of

normalization of relations underthe peace treaty signed by Egy, and Israel in March. Another likely topic was the flap that has developed over a replacement for the U.N.

Reuters reported erroneously emergency force troops whose Monday that the attack has taken andate expired Wednesday. place at the Libyan embassy in Jeddah. The Kingdom's informa-Cairo radio said Egypt officially messaged acceptance of a U.S.tion ministry also denied the Soviet compromise to have

unarmed observers in place of the peacekeeping troops. Israel has so far refused to

accept the unarmed observers to monitor the withdrawal from Peres is scheduled to spend

three days in Egypt in his first visit here. He is later scheduled to confer with Egyptian Prime minister Mustafa Khalil. The United States Monday was reported pressing Israel to drop its

objection to having U.N. military observers monitor the Egyptian-Israeli peace treaty, replacing the departing U.N. emergency force in the Sinai. Egyptian Ambassador A.

Esmat Abdel Meguid, meanwhile. informed U.N. Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim that Egypt agreed to the presence of the U.N. Truce Supervision Organization's observers.

Up to 800 observers would replace the 4,000 members of the U.N. emergency force. The latest mandate of the force, which has been in Sinai since the 1973 Arab-Israeli war, expired Tues-day at 0400 GMT Wednesday.

last week's wholesale changes in

Determined to keep his profile high. Carter announced Monday

afternoon in a featureless room of the executive building next to the a last-minute argument to the White House, the press confer-

East Room of the White House.

credentials WASHINGTON, July 24 (SPA) - The new Saudi ambas-

Egyptian press officer Muhammad Ayman el Amir told reporters that he understood Israel's position was now the subject of consultations between the Israeli and U.S. governments. "I hope the Israelis will soften their position on this," the Egyptian

He said he expected informal consultations on the subject amon; the 15 members of the U.N. Security Council on Tues-

The Soviet Union had agreed

296 U.N. observers now in Sinai should be used to follow up staged Israeli troop withdrawals under the peace treaty, and even augmented for that purpose, informed sources said here last week. They said the Soviets agreed despite their criticism of the U.S. sponsored treaty.

with the United States that the

Meanwhile, Israeli and Egyptian military negotiatent met Sinai Tuesday to prepare for the second phase of Israel's withdrawal from the peninsula.

effort to persuade the Egyptians

and Israelis to sign the treaty, they

were promised a total of \$ 4.8 bil-

lion in special military and.

economic aid. The arms sales will

be financed on easy credit terms.

tagon proposes sending Egypt 750

armored troop carriers, mortar,

cargo and command post vehicles.

In the new installment, the Pen-

. to sell Israel, Egypt \$1.3b in arms As part of President Carter's

WASHINGTON, JULY 24 (AP) — The Defense Department has announced nearly \$ 1.3 billion in proposed sales of weapons to Egypt and Israel, following through promises to strengthen their armed forces made at the signing of the peace treaty. The department also notified

million in military equipment to West Germany, Singapore and the Netherlands. The "letters of offer" cover \$ 694.4 million for Egypt and \$ 580

Congress it plans to sell \$ 118.8

million for Israel under sales credit financing for both countries. Two weeks ago the Pentagon formally notified Congress that it plans to sell Egypt 35 F-4E Phantom fighter-bombers for \$ 594

Egypt would also receive for the first time 12 batteries of the U.S.. Army's improved Hawk antiaircraft missile system.

For some years the Egyptians have been asking for substantial American weapons to replace worn-out equipment supplied by Russia before Cairo and Moscow broke after the 1973 War.

U.S. panel asks disclosure of OPEC investment data WASHINGTON, July 24 (AP) subcommittee on the department's

— A House of Representatives subcommittee voted Tuesday to authorize the issuance of a subpoena for secret Treasury Department records detailing the amount of investments in the United States by OPEC nations.

However, the subcommittee agreed to withhold formal issuance of the subpoena pending further discussions with the Treasury Department. Those discussions are expected

to be completed within the week, committee officials said. The action came after Anthony M. Solomon, treasury undersec-

retary for monetary affairs, made

concern about making public any figures on individual investments by OPEC nations. The vote by the House government affairs subcommittee on

commerce, consumer and monet-

ary affairs to authorize a subpoena

but withhold issuance was 5-0

with one member voting "present". The Treasury earlier had told the subcommittee that overall OPEC investments in the United States were \$42 billion and that 80 per cent of that amount came from

Arab states in the Middle East. But it refused to release information on how much investment any particular nation had.

ASSORTMENT OF CARPETS FOR GARDENS,





TAIF, July 24 (SPA) — Interior by puntries, said Tuesday that at his

In a statement to "Al-Riyaum in the last conspaper, he said the Seoul government agreed to study his equest and to report to him as ith knoon as possible.

1 3 7 Prince Naif, who visited the

Prince Ivan, was Korea and ingapore in his tour, said his talks ingapore in the total, were extremely suc-"The leaders expressed their

y in the Minute Case and working in fisirs and their support for those policies," Prince Naif said.

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his top officials, has announced a press conference calculated to give maximum exposure to his new-look presidency.

he would hold a press conference Wednesday that will break with his own custom in timing and in Instead of being held in mid-

ence will be at nine p.m. Prime television viewing time - and will be in the omate

Carter gets Saudi envoy's

sador to the United States, Sheikh Faisal Al-Hujailan, presented his credentials to U.S. President Jimmy Carter Tuesday.

Sheikh Faisal previously represented the "Kingdom in the United Kingdom.

Under inspection

Mecca dairy plants said danger to health

JEDDAH, July 24 — The dairy products packaging facilities in Mecca are a danger to health. according to Talal Abdul Satar Sherif, administrative director of

the Public Health Department. "Okaz" reported Tuesday that he told a meeting in Mecca Municipality of a committee set up to examine the plants that his department is inspecting them.

They are also in areas prohibited to industrial development.

In future, he said, licenses for building similar plants will not be issued without the approval of the municipality and the public health authorities.

Saudi and foreign firms will be obliged to print the expiry date of their products on the package, giving the day, month and year. Such

plants will be subject to inspection by public health and municipality authorities.

The Quality Control Department of the Ministry of Commerce will check samples of their products to see if they conform to Saudi Standards Organization regulations.

If not, they will be banned. Mecca Mayor Abdul Qader

plan to develop the industry with due regard to public health be drawn up, and the committee agreed to study the proposal.

Apart from Sherif, the commit-

tee is made up of Dr. Muhammad Ahmad Kali, Dr. Abdul Fatah Awad. Mahmoud Saleh Al-Bulaihi, the Ministry of Commerce's representative for chemical affairs, Saudi Standards Organization representative Dr. Muhammad Kamal Yusuf, Muhammad Ali Mumin, Abdullah Muhammad Al-Ajlan, representing the Environmental Health Administration Board, and a representative of the Ministry of Industry and Electricity.

Man ate rats in great famine 75 years ago

JEDDAH, July 24 - Id Al-Oteiba, an 85-year-old man from Riyadh, ate rats, a fox and a crow in the times of famine before King Abdul Aziz finally pacified the Nejd in 1904.

Speaking to "Ai-Jazirah" Tuesday, he said "we call that time Sahout. It was a time of great hunger and infrequent rain and people were forced to migrate to other areas."

People ate dogs, but he had never heard of anyone eating a donkey. "This time continued for a year," he said, when he was ten, but "with the coming of King Abdul Aziz, thank God, the rains were more and our properties were increased."

He has been married to nine women, who bore him three children. All the children died.

He made his way overland to see the world 15 years ago, traveling to more than 20 countries:

Ministers may attend Taif cultural season

JEDDAH, July 24 — The Taif Literary Club has invited ministers and senior officials to participate in its cultural program this sum-

Invitations have been sent to Minister of Industry and Electricity Dr. Ghazi Algosaibi, Minister of Information Dr. Muhammad Abdo Yamani, Minister of Commerce Dr. Soliman A. Solaim, Minister of Higher Education Sheikh Hassan ibn Abdullah Al-Sheikh, Minister of Finance and National Economy Sheikh Muhammad Aba Al-Khail and others.

The club's secretary, Muhammad Al-Shagma, told "Okaz" Tuesday that the club's new building will be opened soon. It has a games room and studios for drawing and photography.

He also invited educated young men to visit the club.

for feed know about the neamah. but say no ostrich has been seen in Hail in living memory. H.R.P. Dickson writes that the last ostrich was hunted down near

the Kuwait border at the beginning of the 1920s - the time the Al-Saud were dislodging their bitter rivals, the Al-Rashid family, from the citadel of Hail.

Hail has lost the ostrich and the Rashid but has gained much else in the past 50 years.

the SR200 million sports stadium, which the Korean firm Chin Heung will finish this month,

it has three wings running from a

hexagonal core — a dramatic sight

from the road on the mountains.

It has 111 units, bedrooms,

suites and villas. The price for a

night ranges from SR281 for a

single bedroom in the offseason

and SR406 in the high to SR1,500

for a large villa in the off-season

and SR1,800 per night in the high.

make the clay and gypsum efforts The camel drivers or the boys in Toyotas selling Egyptian clover

DECAY: Sand chokes 50-year-old palms before the massive clay walls of a palace in Hall. The palace, built by the first governor after the fall the town to the Saudis in 1921, is a late example of a vigorous architecture that flourished in Hall during the nineteenth century.

The ostriches are gone

The black tents and the bulldozers of Hai

The tall flood-light towers of

of the Rashid look rather out of scale. The 400 villages of the Hail plain - the Qurayat Al-Hail that Imr ul-Qais writes about - are to get power from a central electricity project. Many of the handsome crenellated clay village houses already sprout television aerials.

The governorate itself has a full SR250 million to spend this year, according to acting governor Sheikh Nasser ibn Abdullah ibn Sheikh. Although the priority is to provide services to the Hail population, visitors are also being encouraged.

A chance encounter at the airport with Sheikh Muhammad Al-Sulaiman Al-Anbar - "you have heard perhaps of the Meri-dien. That's mine" — reveals he is putting the finishing touches to negotiations to build a large resort among palm gardens and vineyards under the pink and grey granite pinnacles of Jebal Ajja one of the "twin mountains" that enclose the plain.

He is modest about the scheme but Hail is humming with talk of a new botel, three mosques, villas, six schools, a library and a hospi-

Work on this Arabian Ootacamund is expected to be well under way before the end of 1980.

One man of Hail who is strongly in favor of tourists is Sheikh Abdul Rahman ibn Yusuf Al-Khirb, who has managed the affairs of Saudia in Hail for 25 years. For the past two, be has lobbied Saudia in Jeddab to put Hail on an international route - either via Tabuk to Cairo or via Badana to Amman. And after that, why not Europe, America and the Far East, he muses taking in with the sweep of his arm the broad thoroughfares of modern Hail, the marble and glass and jet-length runways of the airport and the chattering flocks of

Koreans. "We can't bury our heads,"

somebody says. The traffic justifies it, he says. The airports two runways under Jebel Ajja can handle 747s and the airport only needs an extra major cargo work. If this all sounds rather amb

ous Hail once controlled # policed a tract from Qasim to k and the sense of grandeur hard. Sheikh Abdul Rahman also watched the growth of town since the first DC-3s land on the dirt runway to the south Hail. The area is now covered the sports stadium and the tenti the Koreans.

Between 1955 and 19t Sheikh Abdul Rahman work; alone from a small office at airfield, mishlaed to receive a see off the single Dakota t arrived every Sunday fre Medina and Jeddah, From Hail flew on to airfields at Zulfi a Maimaa — now disused — a Riyadh, before returing the sai

way on Monday. He now employs 49 Saudis Pakistani and a high-power Sudanese; and instead of the r flights a week, there are 39 Boeing 737s to the large tov and by Fokker Friendship prope ler aircraft to the unpaved airfiel of the north. Ticket sales in 19 were worth SR30,000. Last ye

there they reached SR8 million Only the price of a ticket to Je dah has remained more or less t SR125 while the cost of living b increased about four times. T almost static fares are owing Prince Sultan's decision in 1975 order a 25 per cent fare cut bring domestic air travel with

the reach of the rural Saudi. The effect in Hail was imme ate. That year, 10,700 peop boarded flights at Hail. The ne year, it was 18,400 and last ye over 43,000.

And there is a marked increa apparently in visitors for pleasure "It is spring now", the acti governor said in his garden la month. The temperature was the mid-30s centigrade and slight breeze ruffled his chrysa

A Hail merchant, Fabd / Byon, has opened the Hail Hon which offers enormous dinne and an encumbrance of televisio under eccentric wood-carving a

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He also plans to exploit the market of large Western com-

panies in the Taif and Jeddah area

by establishing company evenings

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The Sheraton, one year on

SERPENTINE: Camel in the Hall livestock suq

By James Buchan

ostriches in Hail.

of the Hail plain.

There are no longer any

These pedestrian and anac-

hronistic birds were once sold by

the bedouin in the livestock com-

pound on the edge of the town.

beyond the main mosque and the

striped umbrellas of the women's

The market today is alive with

the sobbing of meat camels and

the bleating of goats, for bedouin

from all over the Jebel Shammar

congregate round Hail in the

summer. The black tents of Harb

and Anaizah litter the pink gravel

The Al-Hada Sheraton Hotel near Taif is a year old now. It began with a splash of publicity and still seems to be run with a similar youthful verve that would merit. Fifteen kilometers from Taif, it stands towering over the hills at the top of the terrifying escarpment, 2,000 feet high, that brings

you from Jeddah. Benito Marcopoli, the Turkish-born Italian manager, says that the hotel's location is a major attraction: not only is there the view, but there is the mountain air, the peace around, and sports available such as running, walking and tennis. The hotel also has a

complex for swimming, sauna and a health club. He has introduced several imaginative ventures unusual in Saudi Arabia to get the hotel known. He says that there seemed too much danger of people living and working in the area coming to

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plementary women's poolside lunch, where guest speakers from the government talk about Saudi Arabia or from companies will talk about their firm's activities. He has asked the Ministry of Information to send a representative to discuss Ramadan, the Pil-

grimage and Saudi customs and attitudes sometime in July. The hotel has already been used for conferences by Bell Canada, the ministries of the interior, education and health and for seminars by Saudia and the Ministry of Pet-

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ain's airline hopes boost Saudi sales

, a handful of the 40 million s who visited Spain last year audis, but with the establit this month of direct to Jeddah by Iberia many ire expected.

office has opened in Kanstreet, and the airline is v selling tickets. Sheikh Bin Laden, who has just amed general sales agent, is ent of good business. oo is Pedro Herrero, man-

or Iberia in the Kingdom. n," he says, " is a beautiful y, and reasonably priced. ave an equable climate, I scenery and every kind of ainment.

stors in Spain are expected, is still one of the cheapest ies in Europe. A first class nent in downtown Madrid st no more than \$ 50,000. ria is organizing tours from h. A seven day package with ort, full board and lodging r-star hotels costs SR3,200 e person, sharing a twind room.

tour begins in Malaga, with st day after arrival free for eing and shopping. Dinner vening is during a flamenco at a first-class restaurant. four days one leaves the Del Sol for Granada via

Loja and Santa Fe, visiting the Alhambra, the Generalife Gardens and the gypsy quarter of Albaicin. The last two days are spent in Madrid.

It is, according to Herrero, " a very good bargain any way you look at it, not forgetting that we also take you there and bring you

But one has a choice. Iberia operates a joint venture with Mundi Color, a well-established Madrid tour company. A list of choices is at the Iberia office.

Both Bin Laden and Herrero are optimistic about the prospects for Saudi tourism to Spain. Herrero says that the most expensive hotel will not cost more than SR200 a night, with four-star places at some SR175. Students can sleep the night for as little as

No Arab; though, could forget the monuments of Islamic civilization left by 800 years of Arab domination in the Iberian Peninsula. "We preserve our Arab monuments better than many Arab countries do theirs," says

Iberia, established in 1927, celebrated its 50th anniversary two years ago. It has a fleet of 87 jets, making it one of the largest airlines in the world, 22,000 employees and a network of routes that serves 93 cities in 52 countries. In Spain it serves 28 cities.

Iberia's sales office in Kandara, Jeddah



Pedro Herrero, Iberia's manager for Sandi Arabia

has been detained in Baghdad by the Iraqi authorities, the Foreign Office said Monday. Ambassador Hisham Ibrahim

British businessman

Smith, managing director of Hestair Dennis Limited, which specializes in commercial vehicles, was arrested on July 12. So far the embassy in Baghdad has not been given consular access to him or told the reason for his detention, the Foreign Office said.

The firm, which is based in Guilford, near London, said Monday, 'Mr. Smith was on a normal visit to the country following the recent improvement in trading relations with the United Kingdom. Hestair Limited have no current uncompleted contracts in Iraq."

The Foreign Office said that it expressed concern to the Iraqi Embassy in London on July 19 about the lack of response to British enquiries about Smith.

Anglo-Iraqi relations have showed improvement following Foreign Secretary Lord Carrington's visit to Baghdad for talks with Iraqi ministers early this

On July 19 Britain also reiterated its concern to Iraq about the continued detention of Christopher Sparkes, a British businessman, sentenced to life

U.S. plans to bring home Americans in Afghanistan

WASHINGTON, July 24 (AP)

— The United States has decided to evacuate the families of embassy staff from Kabul, the State Department said Monday. Spokesman Hodding Carter said withdrawal is a precautionary measure that will take place over the next few weeks, using commercial airlines. About 100 peo-

ple will leave, and 48 will remain.

Envoy Slain Carter cited no specific threat against Americans in Afghanistan. He said there have been numerous instances of violence and guerrilla activity there in recent months. The American ambassador, Adolph Dubs, was kidnapped by guerrillas and shot when police tried to free him in

Recently, department officials said, the State Department has protested to the government in Afghanistan about human rights violations as the government tries to suppress guerrilla uprisings against it.

3,000 Killed

The Department believes that as many as 3,000 people have been executed recently as part of a crackdown against the rebels.

The United States has refused to replace Dubs or to authorize new foreign aid for Afghanistan. It has voted against loans to Afghanistan in international monetary institutions. "But there is little direct influence we can bring to bear," one official said.

arrested in Baghdad LONDON, July 24 (R) — A imprisonment for alleged economic espionage. economic espionage.

The British representations were made by Foreign Office Minister of State Douglas Hurd when he summoned the Iraqi

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'Dwarfs and giants'

Senate committee attacks SALT as danger to U.S.

WASHINGTON, July 24 (R)
— Members of the Senate Armed Services Committee bitterly attacked the new Strategic Arms Limitation Treaty (SALT II) Tuesday, complaining that it would leave the United States militarily inferior to the Soviet Union.

Sen. Henry Jackson (D.-Washington) said the treaty provision requiring equal numbers of missile launchers was meaning-

Because the Soviet Union was allowed much bigger missiles, he said, it was like comparing "a team of giants and a team of dwarfs."

Tuesday's first hearing on the treaty by the hawkish Armed Services Committee followed two weeks of hearings by the Foreign Relations Committee, a majority

U.S. 7th Fleet to help search for boat people

WASHINGTON, July 24 (AP) - The Navy has alerted all of its 7th Fleet ships and planes operating in the South China Sea "to be particularly alert to refugees and to render all possible assistance for vessels in distress," the Pen-

tagon said Monday night. After days of internal discussions about how far to go in helping the Vietnamese boat people. the Carter administration apparently has decided to permit the Navy to take more than routine action to help.

Lt. Commander Gordon Peterson, a Defense Department spokesman, said in response to questions that:

 Long-range patrol planes from the 7th Fleet are flying daily missions in the South China Sea to locate and seek for refugees in dis-

- Navy ships and planes which are scheduled to operate in the South China Sea "are being ordered to alter their routes, as feasible, into the areas where refugees are likely to be located and to spend the maximum time in those areas while still meeting operational requirements."

Earlier in the day, administration officials said a U.S. delegation would go to Vietnam within weeks to assist in the resettlement of

of which appears to favor the pact. Defense Secretary Harold Brown contested the description of the treaty as unequal, saying that "if the dwarfs are just as strong and able and agile as the

Secretary of State Cyrus Vance also defended the treaty in an address to the Urban League, a mainly black civil rights group. He spoke Monday night.

giants then its not an unequal situ-

The treaty limits the United States and the Soviet Union to 2.250 strategic missiles by the end of 1981, divided between landbased intercontinental missiles,

submarines and heavy aircraft. The Soviet Union is allowed to keep its 308 SS-18 missiles which are far heavier than anything U.S.

Sen. Jackson said the man in the street was asking: "Why do you allow them more than we are allowed to have in order to defend our country?"

Brown said a limit on the number of warheads that could be fitted to a single missile ensured that the new MX missile being developed by the United States was equivalent to the SS-18 and added, "I would not trade an MX missile for an SS-18 missile."

The committee's leading republican, Sen. John Tower of Texas said the treaty, signed by Presidents Brezhnev and Carter last month, appeared to be grossly unequal, adding it might presage the emergence of Soviet nuclear superiority in the early 1980s.

Brown told the panel on Monday that important concessions made by the Soviet Union during SALT II negotiations would be imperiled if the Senate insists on changing the treaty.

Brown said Russia had conceded to the United States on issues such as missile launchers and warhead ceilings, exclusion of British nuclear forces from the pact and the range of air-borne

"In short, each of these Soviet concessions was important to us," Brown said, "Taken together they are far more important than the backfire issue or the heavy missile

Sen. Barry Goldwater, (R.-Arizona) said the backfire "may be the no. 1 and first stumbling block of the SALT treaty" and urged Brown to reconsider the

administration's position. Goldwater said, however, that his earlier concerns about Soviet cheating on the treaty's terms

have eased. "I was concerned about verification," Goldwater said. "I have had that somewhat overcome" during closed-door hearings on the verification issue by the Senate Intelligence Committee.

Brown also defended the treaty against charges by Jackson that it failed to meet standards set by the Senate in 1972 as it debated the first U.S.-Soviet arms limitation

Jackson said "This treaty is unequal in a number of respects." The defense secretary said the Soviets will have some military advantages under the SALT II treaty but argued that the United States will have an edge in other





Seen likely to fail

Craxi proposes plan for Italy governmen

ROME, July 24 (AP) — Socialist Premier-designate Bettino Craxi proposed a government of five centrist parties Monday to end Italy's six-month-old political

crisis
"A broadly based government would assure the nation a period of stability to push for reforms and promote national unity," said Craxi in a 24-page document submitted to the parties as a basis

for negotiations, However, Craxi's program appeared to fall short of tough conditions sought by the dominant Christian Democrats in return for agreeing to serve under the first Socialist ever asked to head an Italian government.

The Christian Democrats, who won 38 per cent of the vote in inconclusive parliamentary elections last month, are demanding that Craxi disavow any intention of joining with the Communists in a "leftwing alternative" government, refuse Communist votes in parliament and pull out regional and local governments ruled by the Socialist and Communist parties together. Skirting the issue, Craxi said the

Communists, who polled 30 per cent of the vote in the June elections, had agreed to what he cal-

A "truce opposition" and hinted at the possibility of occasional parliamentary cooperation with the proposed coalition. The Christian Democrats

should be able to play the decisive role expected of the party of the relative majority," Craxi said. The Christian Democrats also

pressed Craxi to adopt a tough law and order program and take a strong stance against labor unions. The 45-year-old Socialist leader listed the law and order issue as the No. 1 priority of the

new government program, but refused to persue policies that might strain the Socialists' ties with the unions.

Besides the Socialists and the

Christian Democratic the parties being asked to per in condition are the Social Democrats, the Republicans and the Libertly Their combined strength terresents 56.8 per cent in the Chamber of Deputies.

President Sandro Pertini, himself a Socialist, chose Craxi after Christian Democrat Giulio Andreotti failed to put together a coalition because of Craxi's refusal to join Andreotti's cabinet.

The impasse began when the Communists withdrew their support of Andreotti's all Christian Democrat government in January. forcing new elections. But none of the major parties won a majority. Craxi's Socialists received 9.8 per cent of the votes.

Doomed Craxi's document, titled "The

Way out of the Crisis," was given to other party leaders after a weekend of deliberations, but it appeared unlikely to succeed. The Christian Democrats, who have so far snubbed Crast sefdefine his two weeks as prefer designate, were to meet Tue give their verdict.

But political sources said

looked set to sink Craxis is become Italy - Socialist pren The plan assures a major sa the leading Christain Demoin an alliance with the third-pl

parties. Interansigence Christian Democrat Secre Benigno Zaccagomi remains leading opponent of Craxis in

Socialists and three small cer

tive, the source said. His intransigence has fe support among party activist recent days. They have show party headquarters with telegr demanding to know why the co try's biggest party cannot a matically command the pren

The Communists, second of 30 4 per cent, are not include the coalition plans and are emitted to the opposition

Major expansion plans

Jeddah's Kurban Travel booms

By A Staff Reporter

Kurban Travel Service only set up shop in Jeddah in 1976, but its growth has proved so rapid that the company now puts its monthly turnover at an average SR3.7 mil-

Not only that, but according to Georges Khoury, the company's sales office manager, this year's growth could be something of the order of 20 per cent.

Expansion is on the way, too. Apart from the Jeddah office, the company has a branch in Yanbu open now. An office in Riyadh, at the moment having the finishing touches put on its decoration, is to open in two months. After that a branch in Dhahran is to be estab-

The Jeddah office has some 360 individual and company accounts, handled by around 20 staff. A further 18 people are employed by the firm.

Khoury says that some 60 per cent of his customers are Saudis, with the rest made up of a hodgepodge of nationalities in which the French, English, Dutch and West Germans are the most prminent.

Most people tend to buy holidays in Europe, for which Khoury and his men will book flights, tours. At the moment, too, he is arranging courses in England to learn English.

They are residential courses, in collaboration the Regent School of English, with students tending to live in English universities while attending classes. Khoury will book courses for any period from two weeks on.

Excluding the flight to London, a two week couse costs an inclusive approximate SR1,900, a month some SR3,000, with extended stays rising in cost in proportion. That covers accomodation, food and lessons, as well as two full days of touring. Usually 150 or 200 people take the courses from Jeddah through

The courses offered cover all levels of English tuition and all age groups from eight years old, Most, however, concentrate on the 16 upward age range, giving between 15 and 25 hours of school per week. The courses, held in schools and universities ranging from Christ Church, Oxford (which only takes those on intermediate and advanced courses) through Bath to the City University in the middle of London, there are

extracurricular sports or activities, as well as independent sightse-

eing.
Khoury says that his firm will book people onto any airline. although he prefers to send customers on Saudia: it is the national airline, and has the advantages of frequent service between the Kingdom and Europe. But he says that the customer is the one who

The firm takes no commission from the customer, Khoury says. He makes his money out of the commission paid by airlines for ticket sales, as tours and hotels are booked free. Khoury says the aim is to give the client a comprehensive service.

Khoury is a Lebanese, who worked in the travel business in Beirut for 20 years before coming to Jeddah three years ago, helping to set up the kurban travel Service. The company is owned by the Jeddah businessman Sheikh Ali Shobokshi.

Kurban Travel Service has two sister companies: Kurban Transport handles the shipping of goods across the Kingdom, and Omatra is an agency for imports and

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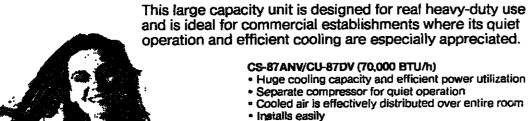
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Connors, McEnroe win

And how his wife was saved

A tale the Shammar tribes tell of the sportsman and the oryx

They still tell the story in the Shammar tribes, of how a hundred years ago near Hail a man saved his brother from death on the homs of an oryx.

The wild oryx, a gazelle-like animal, is rarely found nowadays outside the few herds in national

The story tells of how a man from the Beni Shammar in Buraidah set off on his horse for a few days hunting in the desert. He told his wife he would be back in four days; if not she should raise

the alarm. On the morning of the fourth day his brother, who had been on a journey to Hasa, came to find the man. His wife told him he would

be back at noon. But noon came, and there was no sign of him.

At sunset, the worried man took some food and water and rode out into the dusk in search of his brother.

He got to the place his brother had told his wife he would be. It was unmistakable, but the herds of grazing oryx were undisturbed. In the dawn light, though, the searcher caught sight of a hide in the distance, carefully constructed of brushwood. He rode up to it, and found a gun, a powder-horn and a dagger he recognized as

track and field events.

cleared the eighth burdle

MOSCOW, July 24 (AP) — Ludmila Kon-

drateva beat young American sprinter Karen Haw-

kin in the final of the women's 100 meters at the

pre-Olympic Spartakade and led the Soviet Union

to a clean sweep of five gold medals in Monday's

Her time of 11.19 seconds was the fifth fastest in

Vasily Arkhipenko won the 400-meter hurdles as

American Bart Williams pulled a leg muscle as he.

Williams, one of the top stars in the race this year,

was leading the race neck-and-neck with

Arkhipenko, but the American suddenly stopped as

if he had been shot, bent over the hurdle and col-

lapsed. He limped away holding his right leg in pain.

49.11 seconds, clearly outdistancing teammate

Arkhipenko coasted to a comfortable win in-

the world so far this year. Hawkin, although losing.

lowered her personal best to 11.32 seconds.

grew he was horrified to see a thin trail of fresh blood leading away.

He anxiously followed the streak of blood, and was heartened to see his brother's horse tethered in a depression a little way off. He went on, and some distance from the hide he saw a herd of oryx grazing. Still tracing

the line of blood, he crept closer. To his astonishment one of the oryx had on its back a shape like a body. He crept closer still

It was his brother, impaled by the thighs on the long sharp horns of the oryx. He was lying along the animal's back, his head hanging over its tail and his arms dangling on either side of its belly. Luckliy, he was just alive, although he had lost a lot of blood.

But the man did not dare shoot the animal lest he hit his brother. He thought carefully.

He crept silently in a wide circle had come from. to another depression, where, hidden from view and downwind. he picked out a patch of grass that upright, in the soil, and hid.

Sure enough the oryx came to graze at that very spot. Lying hidden, the man quietly signalled to is true. So do the Shammar tribes.

Dominance assured

Dmitrij Stukalov, second in 50.23.

men's race in 1:47.20.

The Russians swept both 800 meters finals.

Ekaternia Porkvina took the women's gold in

1:57.13 seconds and Anatolj Reshetnjak won the

Elana Goloborodko of the Soviet Union won the

women's high jump in driving rain, clearing 1.91

Hawkin said her weakness was her start and she

was working hard on it. She felt she could have won

with a better start. Her time, however, saved 11-

The high jump became an all-Soviet competition

when AAU champion Louise Ritter of the United

States dropped out. Five competitors tried 1.91, but

only Goloborodko managed to clear that height.

Sunday in qualifications, won the consolation event

for those eliminated by clearing 1.89 meters, which

would have given her second place in the final.

Canadian star Debbie Brill, who had a poor day

100ths of a second off her previous best.

Soviets sweep Moscow track clean

belonging to his brother. He his wounded brother to look for examined the hide, and as the light the daggers.

The wounded man looked around weakly. But his eyes flick-Along the trail of blood were ered with hope, and he caught the marks of the hooves of an hold of one of the daggers.

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He plunged it into the animal's heart. It fell, and the rescuer, like lightning, fired a final bullet into

He bandaged his brother as best he could, tied him to one of the horses and the cryx to the other, and rode home.

The man lay sick for many months, but as he slowly recovered he told his story of what had happened. He told how he had seen the large herd of oryx, how he had carefully made his hide and how he had waited long hours to fire his old muzzle-loader at the biggest of the herd.

So sure was he that he had killed it that he ran from the hide to get the body. But the animal was only wounded, and at that same instant it was charging at the hide, unable to see but sensing where the shot

Charging with its head down, the oryx drove its horns through the man and carried him away. would attract the oryx. He stuck Although in agony, he knew he two daggers, their handles could not drop off its back lest he be trampled to death.

HRP Dickson, telling the tale in

scoring a series of aces and returning well to break the American's service in the forth game. But McEnroe got into his rhythm in the second set and Nas-

tase slowed. McEnroe took the next two sets easily, 6-2, 6-1. McEnroe was to meet Connors Tuesday night, Asked before the match if he thought McEnroe would be his successor in the ten-

nis world, Connors replied: "Yes,

FREJUS, France, July 24 (AP)

- An all-star series of exhibition tennis matches carrying \$ 75,000 prize money opened in this Riviera town Monday night with vic-

tories for John McEnroe and

Jimmy Connors over Ilie Nastase

The series will be decided on

points at the end of the games late

this week after matches here, in

Aix-en-Provence and Cap

d'Agde. The winner will take \$

30,000, the second \$ 20,000, the

third \$ 15,000 and the fourth \$

Nastase opened the series

against McEnroe Monday night

on an artificial court in a bullring

where there was a corrida the

Nastase won the first set 6-4,

and Guillermo Vilas.

10.000.

night before.

surely - when I retire." Connors had a tougher ride against Vilas, taking the first set 6-4 but going to a 7-4 tie-breaker to take the second 7-6.

Kentucky

LOUISVILLE, Kentucky, July 24 (AP) — Top-seeded Harold Solomon of the United States shook off a brief challenge by Puerto Rican Francisco Gonzalez to post a 6-2, 6-4 victory Monday

as Riviera tennis opens night in an opening-round match of the Louisville International

tennis classic. Solomon, defending champion and two-time winner of this clay court event, broke Gonzalez' service three times in winning the first set and was up 3-0 in the second set after another break. At that point, Gonzalez earned a break on the way to tying the set 3-3 and again at 4-4.

All-Blacks show Aussies their class

SYDNEY, July 24 (AP) - The visiting New Zealand rugby union team overwhelmed Queensland's number two side 35-3 at Brisbane's Ballymore Oval on Tues-

They led 19-0 at half-time and finished with seven tries in an impressive warm-up for Saturday's first Test against Australia in Sydney.

Wingers Stu Wilson and Murray Watts, and second-rower John Fleming were outstanding for New Zealand.

Watts and regular All-Black Test half Mark Donaldson each crossed for two tries while Wilson, Fleming and John Black also scored.

New Zealand's other points came from a goal by Brian McKechnie and Bevan Wilson and McKechmie added the icing with a neat field goal from 30-meters

Young forward Tony Darcy was

Post 14th victories

Niekro brothers both blast Major Leagues 8-0 victory Pittsburgh and halted pended game from May 10, the

NEW YORK, July 24 (AP) — 8-0 victory Pittsburgh and halted Brothers Joe and Phil Niedro each the Pirates' nine-game winning posted their 14th victories, tops in the Major Leagues, in Monday night's baseball action.

Niekro, 14-5, became the loss by Niekro took the opener 7-1 Majors' first 14-game winner with behind the fourth-hit pitching of Bert Blyleven and four RBI by a six-hitter as the Houston Astros edged the St. Louis Cardinals 3-2 Tim Foli. with the help of Jeff Leonard's tie-breaking fly in the fifth mning.

Later in the evening, Phil Niekro, 14-11, hurled a two-hitter as the Atlanta Braves posted an

The Pirates' nine-game winning streak had been the longest in the National League this season. In other NL action, the Chicago Cubs gained two victories by beat-

twi-night doubleheader.

ing the Cincinnati Reds 9-8 in 18 innings in the completion of a suspended game, then coming back with a 2-1 triumph in the regularly-scheduled game at Wrigley Field.

streak in the second game, of a

The Pirates, also dealt their last

In the completion of the susrelief innings led the Baltimore

Orioles to a 7-4 victory over the Cubs won on Steve Ontiveros' Oakland A's. RBI single in the 18th. Dave

Chris Chambliss drove in two Kingman's two-run homer in the runs with his 100th career homer bottom of the ninth lifted the Cubs

and a sacrifice fly and Jim Spencer slammed a two-run blast as the New York Yankees defeated the Seattle Mariners 6-2.
Duane Kuiper singled home the

tying and winning runs and Sid Monge pitched three innings of scoreless relief as Cleveland beat Milwaukee 5-4, snapping the Brewers' 10-game winning streak in Dave Garcia's debut as the Indians' interim manager.

Bombo Rivera scored on a wild pitch by Toronto reliever Mark LeMongello in the bottom of the ninth inning to give the Minnesota Twins a 7-6 victory over the Blue

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American protests against the relentless Israeli bombing of Lebanon ring hollow, whether "made in strongly-worded protest notes," or not, for Israel has been using American aircraft to devastate the country and liquidate the Palestinians for over three years now.

Thousands of people must have died or been wounded in these brutal raids with some of the latest and most lethal aircraft and rockets produced by the United States. The southern region of that once beautiful country has been depopulated as hundreds of homes and farms are laid waste. What can strongly-worded protests do to stop the carnage i they are not backed up by action to make Israel think twice before sending its rockets to kill more people?

So far we have not heard any voices in the United States propose a halt to arms deliveries to Israel because of this violation of a so-called agreement only to use American weapons in self-defense.

The argument was used tellingly against Turkey when it invaded Cyprus to prevent a possible massacre of Turkish Cypriots when the Greek colonels engineered a coup by a nondescript ex-assassin to overthrow Archbishop Makarios. At the time, Turkey was one of the staunchest friends of the United States, forming part of its eastern defense against the Soviet Union and allowing the Americans scores of bases to

spy on the Soviet Union. Just as the American government was condemning in "the strongest possible terms" the latest raids on Lebanon, the Israeli ambassador in Washington was reaffirming with an unabashed arrogance his government's intention to carry on the attacks — with American aircraft and rockets.

He was obviously emboldened by the recent American abstention from voting against Israeli settlements in the occupied Arab lands - another American rebuff to the

Such raids and such American inaction, deliberate or otherwise, are bound to strengthen those who opposed the Camp David agreements and make hollow American protestations of concern for a just peace in the Middle East. If this onslaught on Lebanon is taking place after Camp David, what good can be expected from it?

The road to a negotiated peace has been made longer and more arduous. Even those who had had only the slightest hope that there might be way out of the impasse through some kind of a peaceful formula will have had those hopes blighted.

Exploding the myths: How the West views the Arabs

Following are excerpts from a speech delivered by Minister of Industry and Electricity Dr. Ghazi Algosaibi in Los Angeles early this month.

By Dr. Ghazi Algosaibi

I propose to talk about the new Arab world. Not as conceived by absent-minded professors in dusty libraries; not as romanticized by diebard imperialists bemoaning the passing of the good old days; not as visualized by business types sensitive only to projects and profits; not as misrepresented by an efficient, hostile propaganda machine; not as glorified by confused, clumsy attempts at public relations; but as this Arab sees it. I make no boasts: but I offer no apologies.

The new Arab world is not a simple phenomenon that could be compressed and taught in a crash course. It is not to be found in intelligence reports. It is not to be found in the editorials of modern-day oracles. It is most certainly not to be found in howto-do-business-in-Arabia pamphlets. It is represented by tycoons and commission agents. It is not, alas, composed of oil shieks. The new Arab world is a most complex phenomenon created by one hundred million Arabs, proud by heritage, humbled by underdevelopment, weak through disunity, individualistic by temperament, each one of them carrying the same daily concerns as the man in downtown Burbank or the man in the rice paddies of China. This is perhaps the single most important reality about the Arabs.

The new Arab world is not war-crazed, but neither is it after peace at any price. The only meaningful, acceptable and durable peace is a just peace; any other is humiliation by a different name and does not smell any sweeter. While Hitler dominated Europe, peace with Germany was out of the question. While Japan was conquering the Far East, peace was not a popular word in America. Those who advocated peace in the those days were not called peacemakers and given prizes. They were called traitors. Sometimes they were shot by terrorists who in those days were called the resistance. Why should the situation in the Arab world be any different? Why are you shocked when Arabs react to the arrogant, illegal occupation of their land as any other self-respecting nation would react?

Nobel prizes notwithstanding, what you now witness in the Arab world is not genuine peace but an ominous, pregnant truce. As long as Israel remains in possession of Arab lands, as long as the Palestinians remain dispossessed and homeless, the angel of peace will not visit our shores. The heart of the problem is not Sinai, which has been occupied. returned and re-occupied before; it was, is, and will remain the Palestinians.

As a result of relentless brain-washing, the word *Palestinians" evokes images of bombs and terrorists in many Americans' minds. To the Arabs and to the vast majority of mankind, the word has a different meaning. Palestinians are the people who inhabited Palestine for the last two thousand years without interruption and who know no other home. Palestinians are the people who were forcibly driven from their homes, making Palestine a land without people ready for a people without land. Palestinians are three million human beings scattered all over the world without a flag, without a homeland, without an identity. Some Palestinians live in refugee camps, and it is their children who occasionally get burnt to death in air-raids, Israel's "civilized" answer to guerrilla raids. No amount of distortion, double-talk or propaganda can change

Let us face the Middle East issue without hypocritical double standards. Human life is sacred - all human life: Israeli and Palestinian. Security is essential for all parties - Israelis' as well as Palestinians'. Those who believe that an Israeli state is a wonderful thing but a Palestinian state is a terrible thing are by definition racists. Anti-Semitism works in many directions, and there are more Arab than Jewish Semites. The holocaust was the horrible culmination of racism in Europe. Let us try to avoid a new holocaust in the Arab world. Nobody should feel less troubled because the victims this time are Jews and Arabs.

Let us be consistent in facing the question of terrorism. Terrorism, we all agree, is indefensible. Terrorism should not become acceptable when performed, efficiently and dazzlingly, by a modern militaristic state. How can we condemn the terrorists of today and in the same breath hail the terrorists of yesterday? The Palestinians have been the victims of deliberate acts of terrorism on a massive scale. Is it surprising that some of them find violence the only appropriate answer? Violence in the Arab world shall not stop with the signature of papers. It shall disappear when the injustice is ended.

No 'White Elephants'

The new Arab world is determined to develop economically. Draw no false conclusions from Iran. The revolution in Iran was not the result of development. In my view, it was, to a significant extent, the result of impatience with the unfulfilled promises and limited scope of development. Let me hasten to add that by development I don't mean grandiose schemes described by Westerners publicly as "ambitious projects" and privately as "white elephants." I mean more schools, more hospitals, better public services and the eradication of illiteracy and poverty. Nobody in the Arah world has second thoughts about this kind of development.

Second thoughts, however, are rite about the negative aspects of fast development. There is a grim determination to keep inflation within reasonable bounds. As you all know, determination is not enough to exorcise this most evil of demons, but at least there is a growing awareness of its danger. There is dissatisfaction with the extravagant specifications of some projects and with the practice of overcharging on others. There is popular dissatisfaction with corruption, both the local variety and the more sophisticated varieties introduced with the advent of Western companies.

The desire to develop is genuine, but the euphoria has completely evaporated. No responsible official in the Arab world believes today that you can make a problem disappear by throwing money at it. Nobody has illusions about a utopia around the corner. A more realistic appreciation of the problems and challenges of development is evident everywhere. The years ahead shall witness the caravan of development crossing Arabian sands; it is a caravan of lean camels, not a fleet of magic

Our Own Culture

The new Arab world is more assertive and culturally conscious than at any time in recent decades. This is not the result of Xenophobia, chauvinsim or fanaticism. It is simply the increasing awareness that Arabs are Arabs and not primitive Europeans or retarded Americans. All efforts to replace Islam with Western-type systems of thought and action have failed. Institutions and constitutions copied

A firm hand on Malaysia's tiller

By Thaung Myine

KUALA LUMPUR -Three years after he became premier amid strong doubts about his ability to survive. Datuk Hussein Onn has confirmed his unchallenged leadership of the Malaysian Federation.

A firm endorsement of his political leadership came last week when the United Malays National Organization (UMNO), dominant partner in the ruling coalition, gave unanimous support to his policies at the end of a three-day congress. Datuk Hussein, a soft-spoken, 56-year-old

London-trained lawyer, faced no serious challenge to his government's controversial national education and economic policies and its stand on the politically-explosive Indochina refugees issue. Even the party's powerful youth wing, a pressure

group within UMNO, came out in full support of Datuk Hussein, who reminded the congress that he would not hesitate to "reach out and claw" in asserting his leadership. The annual UMNO congress allows the dele-

gates, representing the majority Malay race, free rein to criticize government leaders and policies. But this time few verbal fireworks were directed against the leadership.

In his policy speech opening the congress, Datuk Hussein deftly dealt with the issue of Vietnamese boat people" whose influx has left more than 75.000 refugees crowded into camps on the Malaysian east coast where the mainly Muslim Malays strongly resent them.

Malaysia, with a population of 13 million, has a delicate racial mix of 55 per cent Malays and 35 per ethnic Chinese, is looked upon as a dangerous intrusion which may tip the balance against the

Datuk Hussein reassured the 1,500 delegates at the party congress that the government's policy, put into force last month, to turn back to sea all newcomers from Vietnam, was a warning to the refugees as well as notice to Western countries to absorb refugees immediately.

Home (interior) Minister Tan Sri Ghazali Shafie also told the gathering that not a single refugee reached Malaysia in the first week of July compared to more than 5,700 who landed in the last three weeks of June.

Everyone, even the restless UMNO youth, appeared convinced that the government was doing all it could to solve the refugee problem. And the UMNO general assembly passed a resolution fully supporting the government measures to stem the refugee tide. The government also won support for its educa-

tion policy despite the continuing feeling among the Malays that they are still far behind the Chinese. At the end of the party congress, it was clear that Datuk Hussein had finally laid the political ghost of former Selangor State Chief Minister and UMNO youth leader Datuk Harun Idris, now serving a six

year jail term for corruption and bank fraud. Before Datuk Hussein stripped him of his party and government posts and expelled him from UMNO in March, 1976, for divisive activities, Datuk Harun was openly aiming for the posts of prime minister and UMNO president. — (R) as foreign transplanted tissue. Iran was the last, but

It is time to stop the frivolous attitude of explaining Islam in terms of women without souls, barems and barbaric punishments. Most of these punishments are biblical anyway. It is amusing to see biblical punishments ridiculed as savage, while vague biblical promises are presented as divine truths and title deeds for countries in the 20th Century.

Islam has been around for 14 centuries now. Over a long period of history, the Islamic civilization represented the highest human achievements in science, literature and philosophy. Islam was the channel through which the Greek heritage was transmitted to Europe, making possible the renaissance and your present-day civilization. The revival of Islam is not to be feared or opposed. As Muslims find their true identities, they will be much easier to understand, accept and deal with.

Anti-Arab Anti-Semitism

The new Arab world strongly resents the cultural imperialism it perceives in Western attitudes. Perhaps you are not aware of this imperialism, and most certainly not of its extent. Some of my Jewish friends tell me that you have to be Jewish to be fully sensitized to all the manifestations of anti-Semitism. I tell you that you have to be an Arab to be aware of the full impact of anti-Arab anti-Semitism. In novels, films and television programs. Arabs are inevitably stupid, evil and lazy. When an Arab buys a property in America it is a minor scandal; when a non-Arab buys the same property it is a sound investment. When an American acquires an expensive painting he is considered cultured and refined; when an Arab does the same he is decadent or crazy. Learned journalists write lengthy books heaping scorn upon the Arabs because they miss the comforts of Los Angeles in Riyadh; they are out-raged and indignant because Gloria Steinem is not a household word in Doha. In cartoons, foreign nations are represented by their leaders, while Arabs are represented by monsters that would put Frankenstein to shame. I really think it is time for the anti-defamation league to extend its activities to cover the defamation of Arabs. Jews and Arabs are cousins after all.

The new Arab world is interdependent with America. Please allow me to put the matter in blunt terms. The subject is too improtant for shyness. Your industrial way of life for the coming decades will collapse without Arab oil. The independence of the Arab countries in the face of expanding communism cannot be maintained without your strength and resolve. No interdependence could be more complete.

The implications of interdependence are difficult to accept: Difficult for a small power and even more difficult for a superpower. The temptation is always there for a superpower to end the dependence by sending the Marines to get the oil; there are some among you who advocate this course.

The temptation is always present for a small power to play David and Goliath; there are those among us who advocate this course. We should all be grateful that wiser counsel has prevailed on both sides.

from the West have withered and died — rejected Let us pray that reason shall always tnumph. Adventurism spells disaster on an unprecedented and unimaginable scale.

What We Expect

"I agree the U.S. should pay war reparations... to the boat people."

Yet interdependence need not be a traumatic and terrifying experience. By understanding each other, by appreciating each other's vital interests and concerns, interdependence could be a positive, rewarding relationship, I shall not presume to speak in the name of Americans. But I will tell you what Arabs expect from America.

In the field of politics, Arabs have a single request: bring justice to the Middle East. America cannot shirk this responsibility and remain true to the ideals which inspired its greatness. We are not saying to you: "Do this, or else!" We are saying that, without a just peace, the instability which haunted the area for the last three decades shall continue to plague it in the coming decades. Instability produces wars with unpredictable and uncontrollable results, damaging to our interests as well as yours. This is no blackmail; this is sound, friendly

Don't Blame OPEC

In the field of economics, Arabs expect America to realize that the energy crisis is a dangerous, grim reality that cannot be politicked away. Attacking, ou companies will not produce more oil. Blaming OPEC is an exercise in frustrated futility. If OPEC were to disappear tomorrow the energy crisis would still be there baring its ugly face. History might one day record that had oil remained at the old artificially low prices, the world would have encountered disaster. There is no guarantee, of course, that disaster has been averted. We should not believe the prophets of doom and gloom, but we should not surrender to the baseless assurances of the naive preaching the dangerous to the ignorant.

Raising the level of oil production in Arabia is not real solution. At best, it will provide a short respite. At worst, it will create a false sense of security, thereby compounding the dilemma. We can accommodate the needs of the world up to a point but no further. As an Arab proverb puts it, "If ; your friend turns into honey, don't eat all the honey." Oil, after all, is our only resource: it is not a renewable resource; and it belongs equally to our children and to their children. The solution to the energy crisis is not in platitudes, recriminations or threats. It is active conservation, active exploration and active development of alternative resources.

The new realities which I have sought to raise: with you span the gamut from great efforts and wonderful hopes to great dangers and horrible tragedies. These hopes and dangers are not limited to the Arab world but encircle the entire international community and certainly the two superpowers. The constructive response to all that is happening is to get on with our developement programs and to create a fair, comprehensive settlements of the Arab-Israeli conflict. That is the challenge confronting those of us who live in the region. And I respectfully must say to you, it is one of the two or three primary chatienges confronting America. — (Washington Star)

saudi press review

The continuous Israeli air attacks on Lebanon and the killing of Palestinians and Lebanese civilians were the main front page news in most newspapers Tuesday.

The papers also featured the PLO's announced readiness to talk to the United States about a peaceful settlement in the region. Yasser Arafat was quoted as saying that the United States will not agree to

the talks unless the PLO became too strong to ignore any more. The newspapers published a press release by the Ministry of the Interior detailing the names of firms found guilty of fraudulent conduct regarding the hiring of expatriate workers.

Condemning the latest round of resolutions. Israeli air attacks on civilians in southern Lebanon Al-Medina took the big powers to task for condoning such "barbarity". The attacks reflect total Israeli disdain for international public opinion and the resolutions of the United Nations. Besides, Israel depends on the superpowers to provide the necessary protection which tempts it to flout the rest of the world and despise the Security Council

"If there is anything to learn from all this," the paper said "it is that the superpowers are encouraging Israel to commit such crimes against the Arabs. If they will only stand firmly against these attacks, Israel might rethink its policies and realize that it would no longer be paid for its crimes as it is happening at present, with gifts of arms, money and man-

Okaz said that the "reaffirmation by the leaders of the West Bank that they want a Palestinian state under the leadership of the PLO has led Israel to further acts of hysterical retaliation against the Palestinian people. So it launched more and savage attacks in an attempt to liquidate the Palestinians in southern Lebanon. But Israel should realize that such raids are counter-productive and that the more cruel they are, the more determined the Palestinians will be in combating them and

"The Palestinian problem is becoming increasingly important for the world and this should prompt a real attempt at finding a solution. In this connection Arafat's offer to negotiate with the United States is a positive step

striving for their aspirations.

in the right direction if the American administration is really interested in contributing to a genuine peace. The ball is in the American court now and they should return the volley."

Al-Jazirah said that the proposed tour of the new secretary general of the Arab League "gives him a chance to study the situation in the Arab world and consult with the Arab leaders about the available solutions of the Arab-Israeli conflict and the Arab viewpoint on the issue. After the visit, his report should form the basis of an agenda for an Arab summit conference. To help achieve this, the secretary general should extend his tour to include other capitals.

"We have earlier called for a summit conference to coincide with the transfer of the Arab

League offices from Cairo to Tunisia," the paper said. "This would have been necessary to give the Arab League, in its new era, new powers and responsibilities to enable it to play a more positive role in Arab affairs."

Commenting on the Iranian-Kuwaiti communique after the visit of the Kuwaiti foreign minister to Tehran Al-Bilad said it '/ stresses the need for greater unity among the Gulf states and such visits enhance the chances of closer cooperation.

"With unity the states concerned will be able to control their destinies and prevent any force from infiltrating the region under any banner or slogan," the paper said. "The responsibility for maintaining security in the region lies squarely with the people," it



By a Staff Reporter

At Jeddah's International Airport are two hangars: One larger than the other, is able to accomodate one of Saudia's 10 Lockheed I-1011 Tristars comfortably, the other fits the smaller Boeing 707, 737 and 720s used mostly on the airline's extensive domestic net-

The two hangars are all that is visible to incoming passengers of Saudia's Major Base, where more than 1,000 managers, clerks and technicians are involved in the airline's increasing maintenance

"Bringing maintenance home" is a test of any young airline, and the Jeddah base has needed to grow very fast indeed in order to match the expansion of the Saudia fleet. Another Tristar was added last mouth, and overall the fleet is expected to double over the next five years.

Over the past 15 years and particularly since the early 1970s, the base has expanded its capacity to carry out checks on the airframes and engines of the whole fleet. It plans to add overhaul - now carried out in a vareity of locations abroad --- when Jeddah's new airport opens in the mid-1980s.

One day las month, work stopped in the two hangars for a celebration. Workers drifted away from a Tristar — already grounded for three days in the larger hangar while in the smaller, trestles groaning with sandwiches and soft

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Saudia brings maintenance home drinks were up on the deck around a 737 with its wings open for

Major Base personnel, over 60 per cent Saudis but with good proportion of Americans under TWA's management contract and sprinklings of Englishmen. Yemenis, Egyptians and Pakistanis gathered round to hear speeches by Adnan Dabbagh, general manager of the Major Base and TWA officials, Then they fell on the food.

routine checks.

The celebration? Rolls Royce, supplier of the RB-211 engine for the TriStar, had found that fans in its engines were technically faulty and could shatter without warning. With 10 aircraft powered by the RB-211, Saudia faced a catastrophic disruption of schedule.

But in the months of April and May, an engine overal team of 30 mechanics from the major Base, working under Rolls Royce supervision, at various Saudia destinations, successfully changed the engines without a single hour of flying time lost. They received congratulation from Kamil Sindi, director general of Saudia and from Capt. Mattar, Deputy Director general for operations, and gold mementoes for their efforts.

Engine overhaul is carried out at Rolls Royce facilities in England or on the West Coast or, for Pratt and Whitney engines, outside Paris. The Jeddah base can however, replace the high pressure module in RB;211 engines

tars to the air without the need for Jeddah. overhaul facilities. Over 100 module changes have been made so far, according to officials at the Major Base. This is routine procedure after 1600 hours flying.

The Major Base is the core of Sandia's maintenance activity, but personnel for information on the in terms of employees it accounts for less than half of Saudia's Technical Services Division. This has over 2,900 persons at work from keeping sales offices clean to Jeddah, Riyadh and Dhahran and replacing seat covers in airliners. overseas stations.

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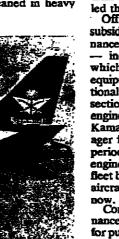
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At the most basic level of maintenance, every Saudia aucraft landing at Cairo, Bombay or Hail has a " walk-round" external check. The flight deck log book is also examined by ground aircraft's response to conditions.

More intensive 'A' and 'B' cheks, after 100 hours and 300 hours flying, are carried out at are invariably carried out in Jeddah. These are the bread and butter of the Major Base.

They are generally completed within the length of one eighthour shift, though they can take up to 24 hours or longer if major problems turn up.

A complete routine 'C' check on a 737 could be completed in the smaller hangar between 6 a.m. and mid-afternoon. The aircraft exterior is first cleaned in heavy



This is the limit of the Riyadh and light solvent, polished and and Dhahran capability and the next round of 'C' checks, which are generally broken into three

greased — a process that takes about two hours. The cabin and cockpit are cleaned and checked

for wear and tear. Random sections of the fueselage or engine casings are opened and examined.

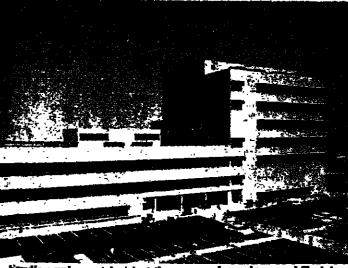
Each team of mechanics fill out cards for the routine checks and also separate cards if non-routine work is required. Inspectors. licensed by the Civil Aviation Department, examine each section before it is sealed up.

After the 'C' series, intensive checks are conducted at intervals up to 18,000 hours when the aircraft undergoes and overhaul called the 'mid-check'.

Off the main hangar, are the subsidary shops for the maintenance and repair of aircraft gear - including the avionics shop, which boasts automatic test equipment for complex navigational aids and the power plant section, which handles minor engine maintenance. According to Kamal Imam, Major Base manager for air services, there was a period when the base handled engine overhaul for the Boeing fleet but the rapid addition of new aircraft has made that impossible

now. Confidence in aircraft maintenance is, naturally enough, crucial for public confidence in an airline. At a time when a United States Congressional sub-committee is hearing evidence that suggests maintenance failure may have been a factor in the DC-10 tragedy in Chicago in May, it is perhaps worth noting that Saudia, despite accidents at Medina and Dhahran, has never had an air-





cool mountains



Ask mountains overlooking the region's fertile plain.

Saudia takes travelers to Asir'

The Asir is Saudi Arabia's Happy Valley. One almost expects Julie Andrews to come winging over the next hill with a

song on her lips.
There is a kind and wise ruler in the person of Prince Khaled Al-Faisal whose nightly mejlis is like a New England town meeting. The roads of Abha, if not those of Khamis Mushait, are wide and clean. The dam is high. The flow-

ers are in bloom. Saudia can take the harried Jeddah traveler to the cool highlands in one hour. The trip should not be missed.

The pace of life is more tranquil in the Asir. It is quiet and cool. From the highest peak, Jebel Sooda, the terraced hillsides stretch north toward Taif and

"Can you believe this is in Saudi Arabia?", everyone asks with a hopeful lilt in the voice. If the tourist's smile gradually becomes a bit frozen in response to several such queries the surprise of discovering the meadows, streams and Junipor groves of Saudi Arabia's loveliest province does take time to wear off. Just as one begins to take the beauty and comfort for granted, the hour flight back to the dusty confusion of Jeddah looms ever

The Asir is no longer a secret. Tourists are beginning to explore the province, although even after the Asir National Park is finished Europe and the Far East will most probably continue to bear the brunt of Saudi tourism. Hopes are

high for the future of the area and many citydwellers from the northern and central cities are buying summer houses near the lake.

Saudia is ready, if tourism does boom. There is a spanking new airport in Abha built two years ago by Laing-Wimpey Alireza. Passenger figures averaged about 3,000 a month in 1975. In the first five months of 1979, around 15,000 people came through Abha airport. There has been a dramatic increase every year and the staff of the Abha station sees no reason for it to slow down. In 1975, 50,435 people traveled to Abha. In 1978 over 250,000 have made the trip. The amount of freight increased by 196 per cent

in 1978 over the previous year. Saudia has three offices in the area and expects to open two in

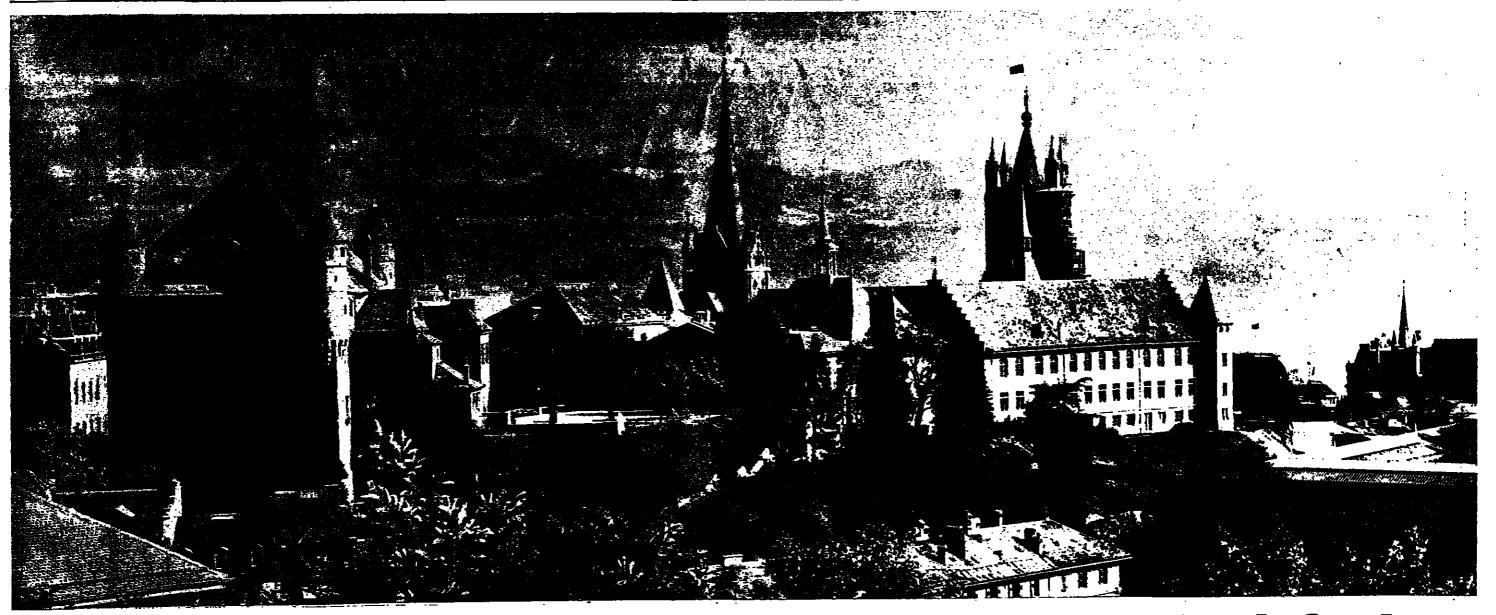
the near future. The station is now organizing the twenty charter flights to Egypt for the Egyptian teachers, who are the backbone of

the Abha school system as they are in the country at large. Footlockers in the office bulge with tickets and the cargo section at the airport is jammed with televisions, spare auto parts and electric fans as the teachers prepare to leave. The Saudi staff has been issuing about 6,000 tickets a week and they're about balf-way

through. Those who live in the Asir are inordinately proud of their province. For weeks, they prepared for King Khaled's recent visit, resurfacing roads, planting trees, cleaning and sowing flower beds, and putting up over 25 triumphal

King Khaled chose Abha for one the most spectacular durbars of his reign. Leaders of the Gulf were his guests at tribal parades and military maneuvers.

The King also opened a number of new projects in the Abha area, among which was the Asir Electrification plant built by South Korea's Hyundai. It is almost finished and when it comes on stream, over 16,000 people in around 500 villages will get electricity for the first time. Farmers will be able to dig deeper wells and extract more water from them. and schoolchildren will no longer be studying under streetlamps. Already, the 30 kilometers lights along the Abha and Khamis road have been lit.



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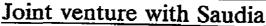
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China Airlines provides links from the Kingdom to the Orient

China Airlines is one of the youngest international carriers, but one of the fastest-growing. Today it flies between Taipei and the Kingdom four times a week by Boeing 707, and from September it will operate a Boeing 747 jumbo on the route.

It began its Jeddah service in 1966, working through its general sales agent the Travel and Tourist Bureau and flying through Hong Kong, Singapore and Dhahran to

William Young, the airline's district manager in Jeddah, says that most of his passengers are Chinese working in the Kingdom. He is pleased with business: from Taipei to Jeddah flights are usuis customary on the return, when a safety award. the plane from Taipei changes crew, is checked and heads off

The airline operates withlaudia fly so far East, but everymonth it stereo to listen to. receives a share of China Airlines's profits. Shortly, Young tions to Europe from the Kingdom, by special permission of the Saudi authorities.

China Airlines was set up as a time private company in 1963, serving He says 1,250,000 people vismainly the domestic market, but it soon grew into a regional and finally an intercontinental service. for the country. We can now fly passengers from Jeddah to San Francisco via Honolułu," Young says.

Still a private company, China Airlines now operates a fleet of Sungshan. It is larger than Tokyo's Boeings, Japanese YSIIs for Narita, and the largest in Asia. domestic short haul flights and two French Caravelles.

are punctual." He is proud, too, of passenger traffic 600 per cent to his safety record, saying Boeing 15,640,000 a year.

ally 85 per cent full. Fifty per cent has presented China Airlines with

The airline flies directly from Saudi Arabia to Singapore, a ourney of 91/2 hours. To fight boredom, passengers are given, in a joint venture. Saudia does not Young says, movies to watch and

Young hopes more Saudis will visit Taiwan. Many now shy away says, his fleet will extend its opera- from the Far East because of the language barrier. But, he says, once they do get there they often bring the whole family the next

> ited Taiwan in 1978, earning \$ 65 million in foreign exchange

> Taipei's new Chiang Kai-shek International Airport opened in February, taking the burden of international flights from the old

The new airport was built in response to a staggering increase Young is proud of the service in planes and passengers bandled his company offers: "This has at Taipei. In the past ten years made us one of the top airlines in flight movements have increased Asia," he says, "and, besides, we 140 per cent to 66,000 a year, and



ROUTES: China Airlines manager Jimmy Young stands next to a map outlining some of the company's routes.

Swissair is ready to fly you from Jeddah to the mountains renegotiation of the existing By Timothy Sisley

SWISSAIR

Swissair has been flying into Jeddah for : nine months, . com-plementing a service to Dhahran that is four years old. The Jeddah route is not exactly new: It is rather a resumption. The compapy served Jeddah between both 1958 and 1961 and 1962 and

1964, before a change of equipment meant a change of timetable. Swissair has two flights a week into and out of Jeddah, serving Zurich, Geneva, Athens and Dar Es Salaam; the Athens stop, though is to be discontinued in November. After that the flights will be direct, taking some 51/2 hours. A single economy ticket costs SR1,878 to Zurich.

Dhahran is served by three sixhour flights a week, an economy single costing SR2,016. It is possible that Swissair's flights to the Kingdom will be increased by next April, but that depends on a

agreements and approval by both Rudolf Glanzmann, the reg-

ional manager in Jeddah for Saudi Arabia, Bahrain and Yemen, says that his flights from the Kingdom are between 60 and 75 per cent full, not counting those people coming from Dar Es Salaam. The passengers almost all go to Switzerland, despite connections the same day to most European capitals and major cities and to North America.

His passengers are overwhelmingly businessmen from Europe, although there is an increasing proportion of the Swiss living here. But he would like to concentrate on Saudi businessmen and holidaymakers, feeling that they are the bedrock of an essentially shifting clientele.

Swissair prides itself on that sort of service, and Glanzmann sugnot going or coming to or from Switzerland who fly Swissair do sot because of that. Eighty per cent of Swissair flights to the Kingdom since the beginning of this year left: or arrived on time.

His pride in service extends to care of passengers during the flight. Regular surveys among travelers and a board made up of frequent travelers help to keep that up to scratch, and Glanzmann says that Swissair offers the "highest necessary standard."

Service extends to the gound: businessmen flying with samples can get help through customs and Swissair will make hotel bookings, arrange hired cars, organize rail connections and arrange tours.

Swissair is a private company with no formal links to the official Swiss Tourist Board, but the Jeddah office feels it part of its job to sell Switzerland.



THE ALPS: Swissair's final destination

Weekly service

Kenya Airways wisks tourists to East Africa

By a Staff Reporter

One of the smaller airlines operating to Jeddah, and one of the newer, Kenya Airways runs a service to Nairobi that depends to a great extent on tourist traffic.

Through its Jeddah representative. Saddik and Muhammad Attar, the travel agents next to the Saudi-British Bank in King Abdul Aziz Street, the airline also organizes holidays by the Indian Ocean or tours that include safaris.

Two years ago the old East African Airways, the combined national airline of Kenya, Uganda and Tanzania, broke up. Kenya Airways emerged, and established its Jeddah service last year.

It is a direct flight once a week, leaving here at 1.30 on Saturday morning and arriving in Nairobi in 31/2 hours. Two hours later a connection leaves for Mombasa, getting the tourist there in time for breakfast at 8:30. The Nairobi flight turns round in Jeddah, but the return to Saudi Arabia comes through Khartoum.

The flight is made in Boeing 707s, which the only competitor in direct flights, Pakistan International Airways, also flies to Nairobi twice a week on a service originating in Karachi.

Most people using the Kenya Airways service are tourists, their numbers varying according to the season. The flights tend to go some 60 per cent full. They are overwhelmingly Westerners, but there is a not inconsiderable Kenyan community in the Kingdom which also uses the flights to get home

Several Kenyan Muslims also fly the route, going on the pilgrimage. South African Muslims, too, frequently change planes at Nairobi from Johannesburg. No Tanzanians coming to the Holy cities use the line, though as the border between Kenya and Tanzania has been closed. That traffic

ORNAMENTAL: Gate in Taipei marks entrace to one of the city's major public buildings.

TAIPEI HOUSE: Traditional architecture in Taipei, capital of

had been substantial. Attar will organize tours for visitors to Kenya. According to Wilfred Koilpillai, the company's sales manager, it is in the process of setting up an arrangement with a Nairobi company called Rhino Tours. Until then, it offers its own tours, taken in groups of between

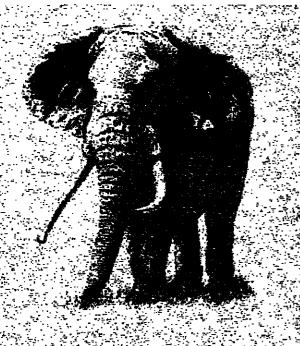
Costing some SR4,000 per person for two weeks, including all notels, travel and board, the tours can comprise a safari, some davs by the beach and a few days for the traveller to choose his own amusements. Should someone wish to go under his own steam, Attar will act as a simple travel agent in booking hotels, hired cars and further transport if he travels by Kenya Airways.

Kenya Airways also flies to Malindi, the country's other tourist haunt, as well as having other connections to East and West African capitals: Acera, Cairo, Lagos, Lusaka, Mogadishu and Addis Ababa. Again useful for the tourist, it flies from Nairobi to Mauritius and the Seychelles. The Seychelles trip can be made on the same day, at 10.30, that the Jeddah flight arrives.

An economy class single to Nairobi costs SR1,199, a first class SR1,556 and a two-month excursion SR1.559. It is about an extra SR100 on each to continue to Mombasa, Koilpillai recommends booking a month in advance to be

Although a young and a small airline, Kenya Airways has established a network of routes that in Europe go to London, Paris, Frankfurt, Zurich, Copenhagen, Rome and Athen, and in Asia to Bombay and Karachi,

Nairobi, as the capital of a country geared to tourism, has a wide selection of hotels that include several first-class. For the hidebound there is a Hilton and an Intercontinental.



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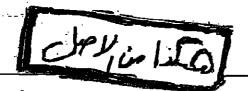
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On Cathay Pacific

The lure of the fabled Orient

They call themselves "The Disovery Airline," and Cathay 'acific is picking up more business very month as increasing numers of Saudis "discover" the ielights of Hong Kong, Bankok, Vanila and other points of the exotic Far East.*

Today most of C-P's passengers are Far Easterners themselves, vhich regional manager David \zzoumi calls a "good sign": They know the airline from ome, and have had good experince with it in the past. Word of nouth is our big asset in market-

Nevertheless, Azzoumi wants a igger share of the Saudi market. susinessmen with appointments in ieoul or Taipei, and vacationers is well. As Saudi traffic increases,

among local residents, he says. Meanwhile, about 50-60 per

cent of the airline's traffic from the kingdom is bulk laborer movements, a steady, secure bet from a commercial point of view. Very few of the 707's head east with empty seats, says Assoumi, and first class is always full. The three Cathay-Pacific

offices in the kingdom - in Jeddah, Riyadh and Al Khobar - are what is known in the business as "off-line." That is, the C-P airplanes don't actually take off from local airports, but from Bahrain, through which the passenger is routed on a single ticket drawn up by the local C-P office.

The passenger from Dhahran, have a short lay-over in Bahrain and then board his C-P flight to his

final destination. Airline-to airline agreements with Gulf, Saudia, and from Sanaa, with Yemen Airways, ensure smooth connections for Cathay-Pacific passen-

gers, according to Azzoumi.

Particularly attractive are the "Discovery Tours" arranged by Cathay-Pacific from Bahrain and available through local offices. These include a simple week of relaxation in Bangkok, more arduous tours of Pattaya, and Singapore, canoe trips in Manila, crocodile farms, rice barge tours, bird parks and island idylls, and a grand 21-day expedition to Bangkok, Singapore, Japan and Hong Kong. On the latter, the holiday-maker with the time to spare can get a bargain introduction to the memorable spots of the

season. The tourists are flown to Although Fahd Travel was only established in 1974 and only acquired its IATA license in 1975, it is a joy to Jeddah's highly mobile

It is located on the ground floor of the Dakhil building at the intersection of Medina and Palestine Roads, just before the new flyover under construction. The manager of the office, Zakir Sidiq, says business is back to its normal One of its more obvious attrac-

tions to the potential customer is its office hours. The staff is on duty The second U.S. tour, also for from 8:00 in the morning until 8:00 in the evening and there is no lunch break. Sidiq believes Fahd Travel is unique in this respect and he can point to impressive sales figures in defense of his argument. Complete service, 12 hours a day is one of the main reasons for the steep rise in turnover at Fahd

Travel. The agency has three branch offices in Jeddah, one on King Abdul Aziz Street which was the first of the three to open and another on Mecca Road. By 1980, a Fahd bureau should open in Riyadh and there are also plans to open one soon in Yanbu. The Eastern Province will have to wait some time before the agency expands that far from its home

and transient community.

At the King Abdul Aziz Street office, Sidiq says 65 per cent of his customers are Saudis or other Arab residents while at the office at Medina Road, closer to most foreign compounds, he says 90 per cent of the business is generated by Europeans and other Western expatriates.

Fahd Travel is one of the few offices in Saudi Arabia which sponsors package tours; to the United States, Kenya, the Far East, and Greece. Sidiq is disappointed in the response to the U.S. tours which has lagged far behind the other two. He speculates that many Saudis have relatives living or studying in America, and that because many of them have already traveled extensively in the country, package tours are not attractive for them.

All three tours offer a great deal at a reasonable price. One 16-day U.S. trip costs SR7,218 during low season and SR 7,495 in the high

New York by Lufthansa where they are met at John F. Kennedy Airport and taken to the Ameri-Avenue. Breakfasts are included in the price of the tour.

On the fourth day of the tour, the group flies to Buffalo in upstate New York. Here, the travelers see Niagara Falls and stay at the Hilton. After a day in Buffalo the group flies to San Francisco. After five days in California, Las Vegas is the next stop and thence to New Orleans and Washington D.C., and back-to Jeddah.

sixteen days, costs SR 6.795 during low season and SR 6,993 in high season. This tour is limited to New York, Washington, San Francisco and Los Angeles. Fahd Travel offers seven tours

to Kenya. The least expensive Fahd tour to Kenya costs \$ 518 per adult and \$ 259 per child. The group spends a day and night in Nairobi at the Hilton and the next

National Park. The tour also includes visits to Tsayo West National Park, a trip to Mombasa, can Hotel on Manhattan's 7th for lunch at the Two Fishes Hotel and sightseeing. The group then takes a train back to Nairobi and the flight back to Jeddah.

The most expensive Fahd Tonr to Kenya \$ 1,599 per adult and \$ 799 per child under 12. The group also stays at the Nairobi Hilton the first day and night and the next morning moves to Taita Hills for lunch. That afternoon members of the tour are taken to the Salt Lick Lodge for afternoon and evening game viewing. This tour includes Tsavo West National Park, the Amboseli National Park, Nanyuki, Samburu, Meru National Park, Nyeri, Lake Baringo, Lake Nakuru National Park, Naivasha, Mara Game Reserve and the Masai Mara Game Reserve.

Fahd Travel also sponsors tours to Bangkok, Hong Kong, Manila, Singapore, Seoul, and Japan.



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SAS: twice a week to Scandinavian cool

Scandinavian Airlines System (SAS), one of the oldest companies in the world, began a biweekly service between Jeddah and Copenhagen recently.

The company which operates a DC-8 fleet, will introduce the European Airbus in a year and a half from now, according to Soulhi Shbib, district sales manager in

Jeddah The Airbus, a French-German built plane, has proved popular in Europe though its a newcomer to the aviation industry, Shbib

SAS is jointly owned by the three Scandinavian states of Denmark. Sweden and Norway. The three own 50 per cent of the stock while the other half is subscribed by the public.

"The last nine months of service here have been very good," Shbib said. "We have done better than we expected," he added.

SAS now offers a stopover in Copenhagen enroute to London at no extra fare which means that the cost of traveling along that sec-

tor has been reduced, Shbib said. ful." The cities served are Beirut, More important, he said, is that SAS now operates on a joint venture basis with Saudia, the national carrier, developing the traffic between Saudi Arabia and Scandinavia. Saudia has recently discontinued its Jeddah/ Stockholm service. SAS picked up

the business. The DC-8 planes are of two models, one can carry 154 and the other 200. Passengers are mainly Scandinavians working here, Americans stopping over in Copenhagen on their way to the United States and recently, British travelers wishing to see Scandinavia on the way to London. "Apart from being a country worth seeing, Denmark has a simple and efficient airport." His assistant Muhammad Aidaroos said. Arab passengers disembarking in Copenhagen "will always be met by an Arab speaking staffer" to help them and answer their questions. SAS flies to six Arab cities and it has a considerable Arab clientele. Arabic speaking personnel at Copenhagen airport have proved to be "extremely useDamascus, Cairo, Baghdad, Kuwait and Jeddah. They are among the 98 cities in 49 countries 10 which SAS flies.

SAS is better known for its polar route, connecting Europe with Japan via the north pole. The route was opened in February 1957, using the now old fashioned

SAS is also a diversified company which owns several subsidiaries engaged in catering and botel management. Here it does the catering for the Baksh hospital in Jeddah and provides catering consultancy service to Saudia for an annual fee. It partly owns and manages a hotel in Kuwait and owns agencies and tour operator companies in Scandinavia. In Soain it runs restaurants and owns hotel interests.

'SAS itself owns domestic airlines and employs 16,000 personnel worldwide.

Unlike many other airlines, SAS has been making a profit for

the last 15 consecutive years. It celebrated its 25th anniversary in 1971. In its first quarter century of operations, it had flown 50 million passengers and carried 720,000 tons of cargo and mail. The same year it bought Sweden's largest inclusive tour company, Vingeresir/Club 33 AB. It also participated in the formation of Danair, the Danish domestic airline and increased its DC-10-30 order from two to five. It has opened four more hotels in Scan-

dinavia.
The history of Scandinavian commercial aviation goes back to the founding of DDL, the Danish Airlines in 1918. As one of the three partners in the present SAS, DDL is the world's oldest airlines in existence.
Its passenger traffic increased

12 per cent, to 859 million revenue passenger-kilometers, in April, 1979.

Compared with the same month last year, passenger capacity rose four per cent to 1,483 million available seat-kilometers. Cabin factor for the month improved 3.9 points, to 57.9 per cent.
The actual number of passen-

ers carried by SAS in April was 711,755, an increase of five per

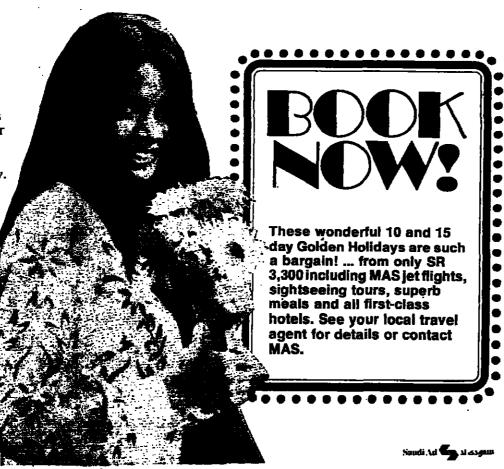
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By a Staff Reporter

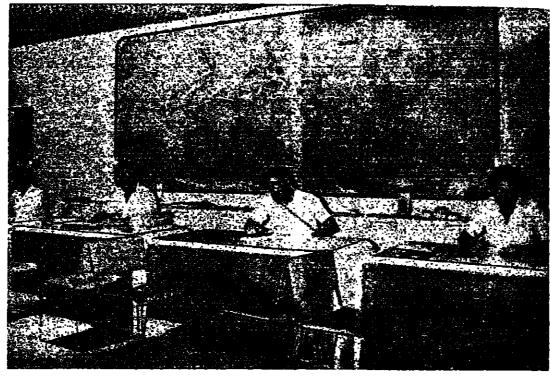
Middle East Airlines operates a service every day to Beirut from Jeddab that Abdullah Marroush. an assistant vice-president and the manager for Saudi Arabia and North Yemen descibes as doing extremely well.

Public response is "excellent." The route, worked by Boeing 707s, is normally 85 per cent full, and MEA's other Saudi run, between Beirut and Dhahran, is on average some 80 per cent full. That is six flights a week, the only direct flight between the two cities Marroush says that some 3,500 people a month travel to Beirut from Jeddah, and 3,000 from Dhahran. Ninety per cent of that number from both towns he estimates as being from among the Lebanese working in Saudi Arabia, the rest Saudi or Lebanese businessmen. The Lebanese embassy in Jeddah believes that there are between 200,000 and 250,000 Lebanese working in the Kingdom, not counting wives and children. No reliable figures have been kept by the Beirut government since the civil war.

Marroush has no doubt that his traffic has been hit by the war. All the tourists and almost all of the businessmen who were once frequent visitors to Beirut have gone. But in their stead the Lebanese who have come to work in the Kingdom to escape the troubles fly home on bolidays or send their wives to visit relatives at home. There has been some sort of silver lining to the cloud for the airline.

The other ten per cent or so of the airline's traffic is made up of some few Saudis and Westerners in transit via Beirut, but overwhelmingly of Lebanese with business in Europe or the United States who take the opportunity during a business trip to visit families still in Lebanon, stopping over for a few days.

Marroush says that the Lebanese have always been an active and industrious people, and the extent of business interests they have set up in the Gulf and the West makes



The sales and booking staff for Middle East Airlines in Jeddah

that traffic not inconsiderable.

Before the civil war some 30 per cent of passengers between Saudi Arabia and Beirut were in transit for Europe or the Americas. That too, has largely gone, for Mar-roush will grant that few people would nowadays fly into Beirut simply to change planes. That is despite Beirut's transit arrangements, whereby MEA's Gulf flights connect with a wait of only an hour or an hour and is minutes with European flights.

So why do people still fly MEA? Marroush has no doubt. He says it is a source of pride to all the airline's staff that they can still compete, particularly as they work under such difficult conditions. He thinks that it is because, in response to all the drawbacks, the airline still goes out of its way to serve the passenger. No longer, Marroush asserts, do

people fly a particular airline because of its equipment. Service is what counts, and by service he thinks MEA will continue to hold its own. It is partly simply in-flight service, the quality of care, but it is also that the company believes the customer is always right, and he says it will go out of its way to satisfy every one. He says that Beirut again has

the old high quality of communications, repaired after the war, and although staff are reduced they are still keeping a high professional standard of efficiency. There is no difficulty recruiting.

In search of efficiency, there are fourteen MEA men at Jeddah Airport to do all the airline's own handling, and an engineer and two crew and ground staff.

mechanics for servicing (ali major maintenance, of course, is done in Beirut).

The chairman of the airline recently announced that he wanted new equipment for the airline by 1981, replacing the fleet of 16 Boeing 720s and two 707s. There seems a good deal of confidence in the company's future. Marroush hopes it will make a profit this year after last year's six million Lebanese pound loss - it is a private firm - but allows the difficulties of the situation could

mean anything.
But morale is still high, and the troubles have been faced up to. When demand fell MEA made available three 747s and one 707 to Saudia on a wet lease, whereby the plane is rented out with its

Peace amid the scent of the pines Olympian Greece, away from the crowds

School holidays are nearly here and thoughts are turning towards summer trips. Some will make short journeys to visit relations in nearby Jordan, Syria or Yemen. Others will fly to the exotic Far East. Many will go on shopping trips to the capitals of Europe.

relaxing and educational, the months. Leave the Acropolis for home of the Ancient Greeks is a another time and make for a coungood choice. And it is only a short try area or the islands. flight from here to Athens (Saudia does a monthly economy excursion return for SR, 298 — children

vices jets of other Middle East

Amman, Dubai and Sharjah.

under 12 half price.) There is no need to stay with the crowds in the capital. It is hot and At the show **Arab Wings in Paris**

Special to Arab News

PARIS - A Sabreliner 75A or Arab Wings fleet was the only Arab flag carrier aircraft on display at the Paris Air Show recently at Le Bourget Airport.

Ali Ghandour, chairman and president of Arab Wings, says the company was participating jointly with Alia, The Royal Jordanian Airline, to highlight the profes-sionalism of Middle East aviation.

"In particular we are demonstrating to a heavy concentration of influential Middle East visitors and executives of international corporations working in the aviation field in the Middle East the availability of our services." Ghandour said

In addition to Business Jet Charter Services Arab Wings were promoting their Flying Ambulance Service, AWFA and the Arab Wings Maintenance

The center at Amman Airport is the only Rockwell and Gates designated service center operating in the Middle East. As well as maintaining Arab Wings' fleet of two Sabreliners and four Learjets the center also inspects and ser-

The Western Peloponnese are a favorite with many a Graecophile. Deserted beaches, picturesque viilages and quaint fishing ports lie all round the coast. Inland are pine woods, vineyards, orange groves and olive trees. Ancient ruins abound.

The highlight of a trip to this area is a visit to Olympia. Adults and children alike are stirred by this site of the Greek Olympic games on the banks of the river Penios. Wander over the grass Arab Wings Flying Ambulance Service, AWFA, is the Middle between the ruins, or rest in the shade of a lofty pine tree. The scent of pine fills the whole place.

East based jet evacuation service. Using transcontinental Learjets The traquil beauty of Olympia adapted to ambulance use and is not its only merit. It is possible equiped to handle medical from the ruins to make out how emergencies, the service is availthe buildings were originally set able 24 hours a day throughout out --- particularly the great Temthe Middle East from bases in ple of Zeus, once home of the gold-and-ivory statue of the king

Many of the treasures of Olyi pia, including two pediments fro

the temple, are in Olympic museum. One depicts the prepar tions for the chariot race betwe Oinomaos and Pelops; the oth shows the splendid figure Apollo, towering above the Ce taurs and the Lapiths.

Just 21 kilometers west Olympia lies the town of Pyrge with its delightful square. Furth on are are Katakolon and Aghi Andreas where, beneath the bl waters offshore lie the ruins

In the eucalyptus forest ne Kyllini are mineral springs lege dary for their healing propertie especially respiratory complain Commanding a spectacular victover kyllini — the ruin Chlemontsi Castle, built in t 13th-century by Godfrey V lehardouin and one of the bastio of French rule in Greece.

To six continents

Kanoo carries tourists further

By Barry Reynolds

DHAHRAN - With the exception of group holidays organized by private travel clubs such as the Dhahran Outing Group of Aramto and other non-profit organizations, Kanoo's holiday packages for 1979 are among the most extensive in the

From the Seychelles to Singa-

pore, the Pyrenees to the Himalayas and from the Mediterranean to the Gulf of Siam, Kanoo's tours now span six continents and some three dozen major

-The Three Cities: Singapore, Hong Kong and Bangkok, is a busy, 15-day tour of the three most popular cities in the Far East. igkok: The most popular

bachelor vacation spot from

Dhahran combines inexpensive, quality shopping, an exciting nightlife and a variety of sights that require more than one visit to fully experience.

-Manila and Bangkok: Five days in Manila — a unique blend of East and West — and the remaining six days in Bangkok. -- Supersonic Singapore: For those wishing to cut their flying

time in half and experience jet

travel's latest thrill, Kanoo offers a Concorde flight from Bahrain to Singapore. In addition to being among the cleanest cities in the Far East, Singapore is a showcase of bargains. As most of the items sold are duty-free, Singapore is the chance to combine sightseeing with the shopping spree of a

lifetime. -Singapore and Australia, the sunshine continent and land of wide-open spaces, tropical jung-ies, snow covered slopes and bustling, modern cities.

—Spain: Where Muslim and Christian culture have mingled for centuries. The tour includes Granada, the last bastion of Moorish rule, Seville, Cordoba and

-Greece: Cradle of Western thought, yet a country whose hundreds of tiny, placid islands impart a sense of timelessness on resident and visitor alike. The tour includes a stop in Beirut, four days in the capital city of Athens, a four-day cruise including the islands of Poros and Hydra.

-Egypt: Ancient land of the Nile, Pharoos, Pyramids, Temples of Luxor and Valley of the Kings. -India: Microcosm of the

world itself and subcontinent of startling contrasts. A land of incredible variety. Its fabulous temples, stately mosques, bazaars and the incomparable Taj Mahal

— acclaimed the most beautiful building in the world --- represent only a fraction of India's continuing popularity. Into the most majestic mountain range in the world — the Himalayas — lies Kashmir, an awesome land of snow-capped peaks, shimmering lakes and dense forest, where the Moghul emperors built monuments to its splendor in the form of marble palaces and intricately

designed gardens.

—India-Nepal: An ancient land long hidden from visitors and shrouded in mystery. Highlight of this trip is a tour of Mount Everest, the world's highest mountain. Two additional Indian tours; to Goa, just south of Bombay, and to Bombay and environs itself have been added to meet demand.

-Sri Lanka: The "isle of jewels," famous for its aromatic teas and sparkling gems, also boasts many exquisite beaches, local festivals,game reserves and ruins that date back to the Fifth centrury.

-Kenya: Kanoo offers six separate tours this year to the land of safaris. Today all the shooting is done with a camera as poaching in the game preserves is strictly forbidden. Nevertheless, these sprawling preserves - some as large as 8,000 square miles - with their lions, cheetas, elephants. wildebeeste and zebras roaming naturally, still offer a real adventure and 'Connoisseurs Kenya' in which the visitor is accommodated throughout the 15 days by a wildlife expert and covers all of Kenya's key areas.

So, whether it's a lazy week spent soaking up the Cyprus sunshine, an adventuresome exploring the Himalayas or an East African Safari, there is an ample fortnight selection of holiday destinations available from Dhahran for

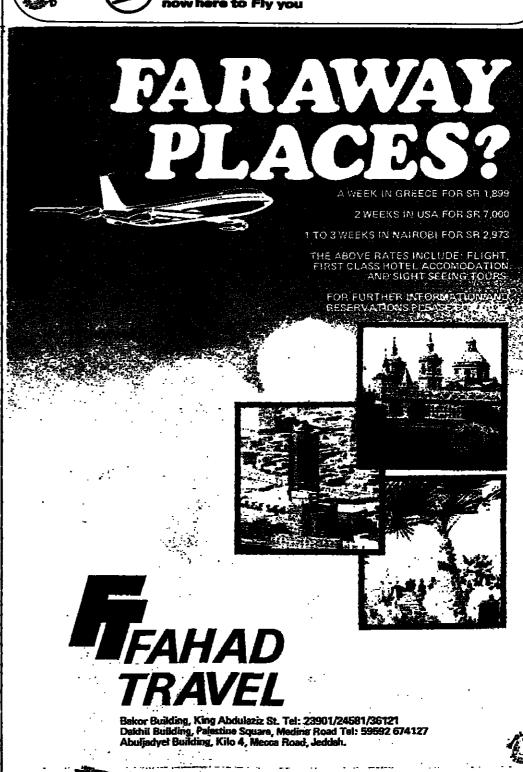


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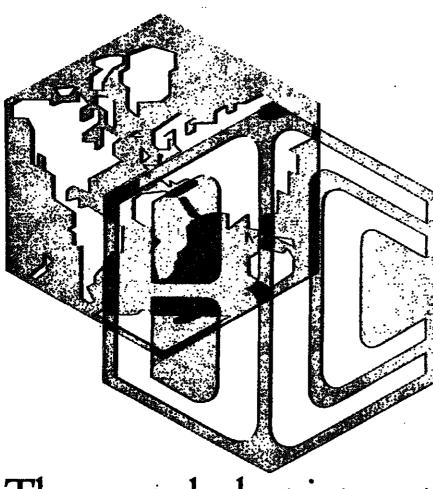
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TABUK - The town floats. For centuries it has ridden on a great bed of pure if lukewarm water. Wells abound. Asked for an explanation the librarian in * Tabuk's public library adjusts his bifocals and scratches away with his pen for a good half-hour.

"It is rich water of wells in spite of the lack of rain," ran the trans-A lation of his jottings. "Recently it was visited by a number of experts and they have reported that if the people of Tabuk know how much water is under their land, they will depart it soon."

Fortunately, the place is per-e fectly safe. Tabuk and its environs stand over sedimentary rock in whose porous folds the albeit scant rainfall has lain trapped for the centuries. The water that gushes forth with such abandon today is in Gibbs fossilized and tens of thousands of years old.

Tabuk also has cool and windblown nights, which brings a gasp of delight to the visitor as he gets off the 95-minute flight from Jeddah, pampered with a boiled sweet, perfumed face towel and glass of fresh juice tended by the shyly-attractive hostess of Gulf Delta, one of Saudia's 20 Boeing

The temperature at the 1:25 a.m. touchdown was a bracing 28 degrees centigrade, a good ten degrees less than the humid night that lay a thousand kilometers behind in Jeddah. Yet sleep did not come easily in Tabuk's Ad Adel botel. The night was full of the snarl of great motors, the hooting and clashing of gearboxes as the overlanders, spoilt by 450 near-dead-straight kilometers of highway from the Jordan frontier, braked to baul their laden juggernauts hard left around the white, green and orange traffic box outside the hotel, before settling down for the long haul to the supermarkets and showrooms of Medina, Jeddah and beyond.

Despite the disturbance, the morning brought cheer to Fawzi Khomies the moment he clapped eyes on the yellow-and-black chairs in the hotel dining room. As well as being co-ordinator of public relations in Saudia's public affairs division, Fawzi is manager of Ittihad's volleyball team. Still aursing a restrained gloom over Ahli's 4-0 Cup Final victory over lttihad earlier in the month, it brightened him considerably to lower his ample frame onto a chair decked out in his club's colors.

It would be hard to find a more ersistent advertisement for Ittihad than Fawzi, former volleyball captain in the club and Cool and windblown nights in Tabuk



Saleh Nahas, Sandia's district man

unfil recently a voileyball coach for the Kingdom. His watch is yellow-and-black -- custommade for Ittihad. So is the enormous ring on the small finger of his right hand. Even his ballpoint pen

is striped yellow-and-black. Somewhat Ittihad wends its way into every conversation, even one as diverse as the hope of Saudia's district manager that facilities at Tabuk's two-year-old airport will soon be extended to permit a Tristar service.

The town has Roman antiquities, Islamic antiquities and an old castle renewed 350 years ago by the Turks. There is also a line of derelict railway station buildings, for Tabuk was a main stop on the

Turks Hejaz line.

An altitude of 2,250 feet above sea level helps explain the cooling night breeze. In winter Tabuk can be bitter cold, with temperatures down as low as nine below zero. "The gateway to the north," is

how Saudia's district manager Saleh Nahas describes it. Certainly Tabuk (population 160,000) is regarded as a place of strategic importance and the military presence is all-pervading. A mass of security-swathed construction projects have brought a cosmopolitan population to town, "Tabuk is a cocktail," is a favorite jest of Nahas' gentle and wrinkled

city ticket office manager, Salem Al-Balawi, who has worked there for the past 16 years.

Nahas himself has been in Tabuk for only three years. A 33-year-old from Mecca, he was previously a supervisor at Dhahran, has attended the usual company management courses in London, Istanbul and Taif and is now, one suspects, nursing hopes of a transfer and some action in a more international sphere of operations.

He has every reason to be proud his team's performance in Tabuk. Last month saw 12,000 passengers jet out with Saudia. Ticket receipts from 111,893 passengers last year totalled SR31 million, an impressive 61 per cent over the station's quota of SR19 million. (Receipts in 1977 totalled SR20 million, from 87,000 passengers).

Back in 1961, before Saudia opened an office and ticket sales were handled by the Bader agency, there were just seven flights a week into Tabuk. Now there are 65, including two direct flights daily to Jeddah, one to Riyadh, four a week to Medina. There is even one international flight, every Wednesday to Cairo, a sources of considerable pride to the local Saudia staff.

At present the aircraft take off this it is apparently still necessary to book several days ahead to Faisal Military City - mainly,



ensure a seat. Certainly it makes sense to fly. The one-way economy air fare to Jeddah is SR140. The going rate by taxi is SR200 a head, and the driver will dig his heels in and refuse to set off until he has accumulated five passengers for the dusty and hazardous nine-hour journey.



ters in Tabuk - bead office and

three "satellites" in and around town. One such satellite is to be found attached to the Ad Adel hotel. The hotel's owner, Azouz Awad Ibrahim Madani is a friend of Saleh Nahas and in a burst of generosity handed over the office to Saudia, for nothing. Since it had previously brought in a rental of SR70,000 a year, the gesture is a demonstration of Madani's enthusiasm for the airline. Should there be any doubt, a scaled-down 737 soars at your head in the hotel entrance hall and Saudia posters pepper the dining room walls.

The most recent satellite opened in February, in the King explains Nahas, for the convenience of the foreign workers on all those top secret projects. One such, the rapidly-rising military academy which the University of Riyadh's Dr. A. A. Savigh has said will be the largest solar-heated building in the world, stands opposite the Saudia satellite, topped by rows of gaudy yellow girders which will soon bear the solar

reflectors. If officialdom kept us from the emerging wonders of the solar academy, it could hardly forbid the green fields and fruits of Ali Nasser's lush farm, tucked away unexpectedly in the desert some five kilometers outside Tabuk. On the farm water coursed along stone and earth channels, bringing life to fields of plump young water melon.

Tabuk could have many such farms, for the government, it seems, will give any who wish a sizeable tract of land and an interest-free loan of half the cost of its development. But, capital of the north though it may be, the good citizens have no intention of getting into Jeddah-style frenzies over anything. These summer days are mainly for dozing, not digging, and it is not until evening that the community comes to life.

Through the town the cafe roofs are dotted with red ghutra'd men getting down to their gossip with gusto; in a nearby square the second-hand car auction provides its usual daily spectacular. Outside Tabuk, on the road to Jordan, the desert is dotted with cars: families picnicing, children playing, old men sitting on mats gazing at the distant hills. Each car has a polite kilometer of privacy around it.

A junkyard of wrecked cars stands in stark silhouette on the left; further on a game of football is in full swing on a firm patch of sand, its players resplendent in full soccer kit.

Now Tabuk is 30 kilometers behind us. Water from yet another well draws us off the highway. The farmer explains they had to drill 600 meters before they struck porous rock here. The water gushes endlessly and rows of week-old water melon plants respond gratefully, thrusting their small green leaves vigorously through the dampened land. The long dusk seems to go on

forever. Everyone - farmer, farm-workers and the out-ofnowhere manager of the Tabuk branch of the Bank of Riyadh settles down to enjoy the sunset. There are cups of tea from a thermos and the sweet smell of the farmer's softly-rumbling hubblybubbly. As the sun finally dies the breeze from the west increases and it is time to return, reluctantly,





Zahid: year of the all-in tour

By a Staff Reporter

EDDAH — This will be the of the all-in tour, if Zahid A has anything to do with it. in 1978 the company, one of Jedlah's longest-established travel uses, took SR60 million in total icket sales — 75 per cent from mational routes.

Zahid is general sales agent for TWA and Olympic Airways in the Kingdom, but as IATA member 1921 years standing it also sells tets for most of the other 20 or o airlines operating out of Saudi

General manager Adel Zaki predicts an exciting future, ulthough the incredible 30 to 40 per cent annual turnover increases they saw in the 1975-77 boom years are, he regretfully conhudes, over. Now he anticipates a 'more stable" annual increase in ravel growth of around ten to 15

Much of this increase as far as Zahid Travel is concerned, says Zaki, will be in the tours field. He as hired a tours manager who will et up a specialist tours departnent at the company's eightnonth-old headquarters in Jedlah's Medina Road.

Zahid Travel is no stranger to he tours field. In 1977 it became he first in the world to offer charer flights direct into Luxor, Egypt

an achievement which still rings a glow of pride to Adel Zaki. The 48-hour weekend excursions from Jeddah to the Valley of the Kings cost SR 800--bead and marked a major milesone, since it swept tourists straight to the Pyramids, avoiding the time-consuming chaos of

The Boeing 737s ceased their eddah-Luxor run at the end of a trail-blazing trial season, but are scheduled to start again next January, subject to the availability of aircraft from Saudia.

At the moment Zahid offers a range of popular "Stop and See Greece" packages, more than 100 Olympic Airways holidays including the Athenian Sampler (three nights in Athens for SR668); a five-day archeological tour by air-conditioned bus (SR615) and 15-day sailing cruises to the Greek





knock-down price of SR3,180 a

person. Children sharing their

parents' room go for SR1,955

each, or SR2,375 each if they have

a separate room. Individual

15-day version of the safari holi-

day. Parties for this should be at

least 15-strong, and for these the

Apart from the "Stop and See

cost is SR5,600 a head.

Zahid will also offer a longer

adults: SR5,045.

Clients book up at Zahid Travel's head office in Jeddah Islands (sample price by motor

yacht: SR4,220 per person for a party of six). To these are added the Jeddah-Athens-Jeddah monthly excursion fare of SR1392 (children under 12 half price).

This Ramadan will see the start of another "special" - an eightday all- in safari holiday to Kenya, aboard the Boeing 707s of Kenya Airways. Bookings have to be in parties of ten or more to earn the

ways started operating its 707 service between Jeddah and Athens on April 11 this year. The twice-weekly service leaves

Greece" packages, Olympic Air-

Jeddab on Wednesdays and Saturdays at 5 p.m.

Zahid Travel sees the new service as something of a breakthrough. "Greece is very appealing to Saudi Arabians," says Adel Zaki. He points out that not only is the Greek capital a mere three hours' hop away, but Arab families are greatly attracted by the economy of a Grecian holiday. Thanks to the 300,000 Greeks who were obliged to return home from Egypt in 1956, and a subsequent exodus from Sudan, an added bonus is that Arabic is widely spoken in the country.

The new tours department, says 35-year-old Zaki, will set its sights on opening up the Far East. "We feel the market trend is changing and a lot of people, the Saudis in particular, are preferring to spend their vacations in the Far East, rather than in Europe or America." Such tempting spots as Bangkok, Singapore and Hong Kong are likely destinations for new Zahid tours, which will be launched in cooperation with airlines and travel agents from the host countries. Tour sponsors in each case will be Zahid Travel.

The company was founded in 1958 by Muhammad Mahmoud Zahid and his four brothers, as a section of the family's booming, tractor business. IATA membership came the same year. In 1969 a reshuffle within the family brought tractors and travel under Sheikh Yusuf Mahmoud Zahid. After his death in 1977 the chairmanship passed to his eldest son, U.S.-educated economics graduate Sheikh Talal Yusuf Zahid.

Adel Zaki is an Egyptian who previously worked for Air India and Air Italia in Cairo. After a four-year slack period for Zahid Travel, Zaki - along with the oil price hike - came to Saudi Arabia in 1973. Then the company had just two offices, in Jeddah and Riyadh. Now there are five - two each in Jeddah and Riyadh, and one in Al Khobar. Two more are opening later this year, in Jubail and Yanbu. Total



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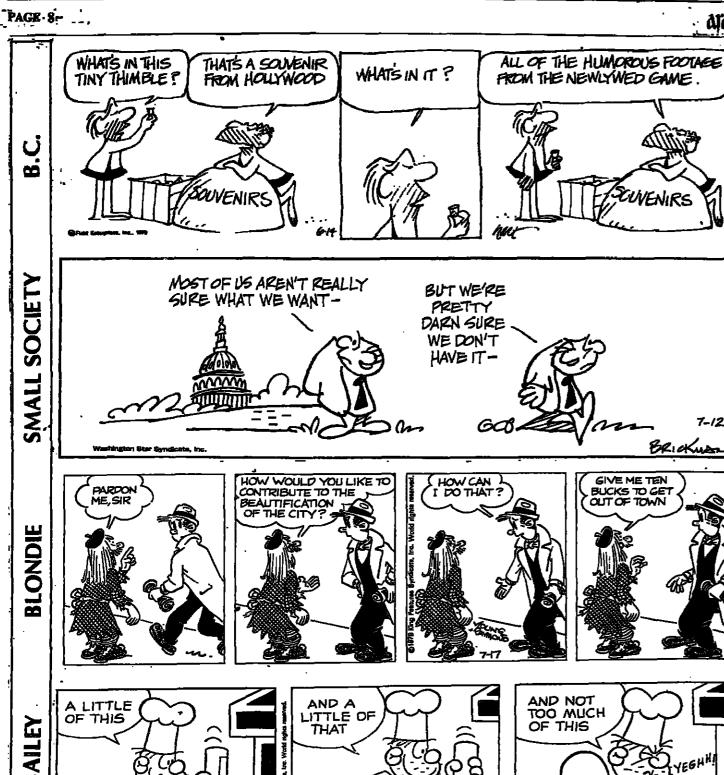
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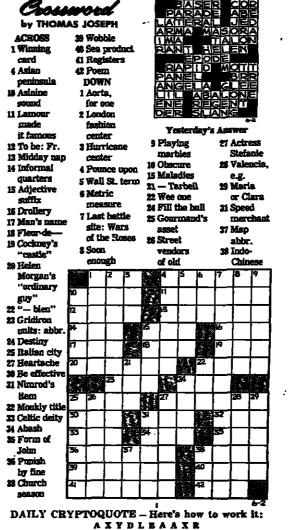


Dennis the Menace

'I didn't just fall off the turnip truck, y'know''

"I don't even know what that MEANS."

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round of spaces, but that would be the end of the party. wins whatever you draws trumps, returo, hummy on his Q-10 of spedes cylinders, he returns the spade nine, hid the ace, at trick two. He thus retains ade controi at the same time as he gives you ruff. allows you to lead a low diamond at trick three to force out the ace — and thus establishes the setting trick. East's return of the n spades, rather than the deuce,

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is consistent with the preference convention. By returning the highest card hi can spare in a ruffing situation. East asks you to

It takes excellent defense to put South down one. West must find the killing spade give partner the spade ruff at trick two, and West must lead a diamond at trick three. If East-West overcome these three hurdles, they have every right to congratulate themseives on a scintillating

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Your Individual Horoscope



= Frances Drake: FOR WEDNESDAY, JULY 25, 1979

What kind of day will be detrimental to top tomorrow be? To find out what the stars say, read the forecast given for your birth achievement. Be contained. Direct energies constructively. Study new treads. LIBRA (Sept. 24 to Oct. 23)

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(Apr. 21 to May 21)
Here is a splendid day for handling both routine matters and unusual undertakings.
New advances indicated in projects which have been standing still.
GEMINI Several avenues of activity will be open to you. Be selective in your choice. Don't waste time on unproductive undertakings. SAGITTARIUS
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(Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) Will Mixed influences. Confusion could reign if you are not on guard. Do not let alight misunderstandings blow into a storm. Use your wits. AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) Avoid a tendency toward unconventionality. Don't join those who are indiscrest or who are needlessly taking risky chances. Think!

enterprises. Study all suggestions carefully,

CAPRICORN

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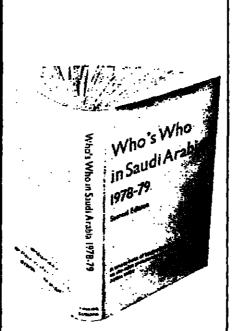
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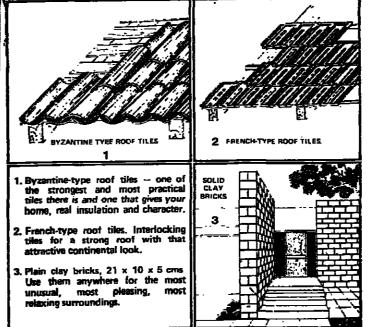
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Saudi firm planning expansion in passenger shipping, tourism



The Sandi Moon I approaching Suez, in the regular run from Jeddah and Aqaba.

By a Staff Reporter

JEDDAH —

There is expansion going on in passenger shipping from Jeddah, and it is an expansion that involves

a change of direction in markets. The Saudi Maritime Transport Co., a wholly-owned subsidiary of Dr. Ghaith Pharaon's Redec. is buying a ship it now leases, acquiring another and adding a route to Muscat and Karachi to its present Aqaba and Suez run. On top of that, according to Kamal Wajih, its general manager, it intends to establish tourist cruises from Jeddah aimed at Western workers in the Kingdom to explore the Red Sea over short trips to escape the heat and the pressure of their

everyday lives.

SMTC began operations in 1976 with the Saudi Moon, sailing to Suez and Aqaba. That vessel was sold last year after technical difficulties, and a successor was leased in October. She is now being bought.

That ship, Saudi Moon I, now sails from Jeddah to Agaba and Snez about every five days. She has space for 700 passengers, all in cabins, and an average depending on their size of 140 cars. Wajih reports that northbound sailings are usually about 75 per cent full, although the guest workers who usually take their cars and electrical goods home tend to fly back to the Kingdom when unencumbered on their return trips. There are sometimes some Saudis travelling to Egypt for holidays or for business, but that traffic has apparently fallen off after the peace treaty between Israel and Egypt. Few people go to Aqaba, but several board there for Suez.

The trip to Suez takes some 36 hours if no stop is made at Aqaba. The ship was once a cruise ship sailing between Miami and the Caribbean, and it shows.

Wajih says that the Saudi Moon I takes some 88 per cent of passengers sailing from Jeddah to

No.

Suez, estimating that this year she will carry 27,295 people and 6.500 cars of the possibly 35,700 people traveling the route. The ship breaks even now, but Wajih anticipates a profit margin of bet-

ween 15 and 20 per cent in 1980. The company will shortly be bringing into service the Belkis. Newer than the Saudi Moon I, which was built in Norway in 1969, she was built in Greece in 1973. But she is smaller, taking 600 passengers in cabins and 75 cars. She used to work the Jeddah to Suez route for another company, and is now lying in Suez before starting work. Her owner, Ahmad Siraj of the Foreign Ministry, has just spent \$ 1.5 million on an overhaul of her engines and

When the Belkis joins SMTC, Wajih says that the company will have the flexibility to set up new operations while retaining the Suez and Aqaba run as the rock on which it is founded.

There will be sailings to Port Sudan every month, and this month a service to Karachi is to be started. Aimed principally at Egyptians working in the Gulf, it will sail to Aden, Muscat and Karachi, intending to pick up passengers in Muscat to travel home to Egypt via Jeddah. The trip to Muscat will take four days, that to Karachi six. Depending as it will on the summer traffic of holiday-markets, the service is planned to run only for the sum-

But a possibly more significant plan of Wajih's for the future development of the Kingdom's for Red Sea cruises, With two ships rotated between either the Suez or the Muscat route as demand for space dictates, he will use the more slack times for one for tours aimed at the American and European communities in Saudi Arabia.

Wajih says there is a good deal of potential for tourism. He has

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Profits of Exxon reach \$1.79 billion

NEW YORK, July 24 (R) -The Exxon Corporation, the world's largest multinational oil company, Monday reported profits of \$ 1.79 billion during the first half of this year, almost 30 per cent up on the first half of 1978.

As world oil consumers contimued to reel under the impact of higher oil prices, partly blamed on windfall profits by major oil companies, Exxon said its secondquarter profits rose to \$ 830 million from \$ 690 million in the second quarter of 1978. This brought the half yearly total profits to \$ 1.79 billion.

But share market analysts said

the results were slightly lower than expected and probably not the kind of figures envisaged by the Carter administration which has been urging Congress to pass legislation to tax excessive profits by oil companies.

The higher oil prices have been blamed by OPEC on profit taking by the multinationals and by the multinationals on higher oil

But Exxon said that of its\$ 1.79 billion profits in the first six months of 1979, \$ 750 million reflected higher foreign exploration and production profits, mainly in Malaysia and the North

The analysts said the second quarter profits were, bowever, lower than those in the first quarter, when Iranian oil exports were

virtually eliminated during the revolution which brought to power an Islamic government less willing to meet Western oil demands. Profits from domestic oil and gas operations were down on the first half of last year.

The Standard Oil Company of Indiana, meanwhile, reported a half-yearly 32 per cent profit rise to\$ 750.3 million compared with\$ 567.7 million in the first half of last year.

criticism from trade unions.

British Aerospace, a consor-

tium of four companies, employs

70,000 people and reported a \$

147 million profit last year.

Among the planes it produces are

the Trident and BAC 1-11 airlin-

ers and the Harrier short take-off

New North Sea gas find made LONDON, July 24 (AP) — The Conoco Oil Company has

announced what is apparently a major new natural gas discovery in the North Sea 160 kilometers southeast of the oil-rich Shetland Islands. Conoco, who made the discovery with the state-owned British National Oil Corp. and Gulf Oil, Monday said an exploratory well found gas at the rate of 1.11 million cubic meters a day and liquid gas condensate at 1,986 barrels a day at a depth of 4,500 meters into the seabed beneath 130 meters of water.

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	100 Japanese Yen	15.80		
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<u>Labor angry</u> Tories to de-nationalize aerospace firm

tain's Conservative government has planned huge cuts in public spending and announced it will sell off shares in a major nationalized concern, the British Aerospace Plane-Making Corporation.

The move, made Monday, was bitterly attacked by the Labor opposition which said it would re-nationalize British Aerospace

had travel operators in Europe

contact him about it, and an

American delegation recently met

bim for talks. Adriatica

Navigazione, an Italian company

that operates vessels between

Alexandria Piraeus and Venice,

has organized a scheme whereby

passengers can huy through tick-

ets to Europe from Jeddah, with

SMTC organizing hotels in Egypt

and overland transport between

Suez and Alexandria.

Belkis will fly the Saudi flag, but

Saudi Moon I is at the moment

registered in Panama. When her

purchase is finally complete,

though, she will change to the

Saudi flag. There is some pride in

the insistence that a Saudi com-

pany should operate Saudi ships

that are Saudi in name as well as

ownership, but the material

benefits are not inconsiderable.

The price for one person bet-

ween Jeddah and Suez varies bet-

ween SR810 for a suite and

SR350 for a bed in fourth-berth

cabin on the lower deck. There are

reductions for children or for

those buying a return ticket at the

same time. The whole ship is air-

conditioned, and there is a

Prices for a car between Suez

and Jeddah run between SR1,600

for an American station wagon

and SR900 for a small car, with

doing the same voyage. The

SMTC office is the Queen's Build-

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they are infrequent. One in April

was followed by a month of abso-

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whenever it regains power. Industry Secretary Sir Keith Joseph told parliament about half the shares in the corporation joint manufacturers of the Concorde airliner, would go on the market before the end of 1979.

Last week the government enraged Labor by opening up the profitable state airline, British Airways, to private investors.

Earlier Monday the cabinet discussed ways of slashing public spending by \$8.8 billion during the 1980-81 financial year.

likely to be published for months but there were fears that public housing and education programs could be particularly hard hit.

After taking office last May, Thatcher's government drew up plans for cuts of about \$6.6 billion. Government sources say closer examination of the economy

prompted Thatcher to increase the figure. Even defense spending, which the Conservatives had vowed to increase, is being included in the cabinet's review.

Chancellor of the Exchequer Sir Geoffrey Howe grimly told a London financial conference Monday, "We have now reached the point where we are perilously close to destroying the economy's capacity to generate any economic growth whatsoever."

But he gave no clue where the spending ax would fall. Labor spokesman John Silkin

said the decision to sell British Officials said no details were Aerospace shares amounted to

key's exports.

Saudi Arabian **Government Tenders**

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devaluing the lira earlier this year by about 43 per cent against the dollar and imposing curbs on pri-	-Municipality of Mecca	Supplying of insecticides, detergents and equipment	9	100	Aug. 11
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the goal of the current scheme was to make Turkey self-sufficient, reduce inflation, now estimated at 70 to 80 per cent, and boost Tur-	10 00 00	Supplying of electric pumps, diesel motors and winches	11	50	Aug. 11

Turkish economy healing, finance minister asserts

ANKARA, July 24 (AP) — Turkish Finance minister Ziya Muezzinoglu has struck an optimistic note for Turkey's debt-ridden economy and claimed the disastrous trend has been partially checked.

In a news conference here, Monday Muezzinoglu stressed there is no reason not to look at Turkey's future with complete hope despite the hardships.

trucks or buses costing SR3,500. It seems expensive, but Wajih says The minister called on Turks to that it is comparable to other ships cooperate with the government of Premier Bulent Ecevit to implement a series of austerity measures intended to bail Turkey out of its worst financial and economic

He also elaborated on the contents of a" letter of intent' Turkey has submitted to the International Monetary Fund, promising to abide by a package of demands laid down by the IMF.

Accusing the past government of mishandling Turkey's mixed economy, the minister noted that at the beginning of 1978, Turkey's foreign currency supply was dwindling and it was hardly able to pay for imports and ever-growing oil debts.

The left-leaning government devalued the lira by about 30 per cent in 1978 and adopted a stabilization program aimed at restoring some form of credibility to Turkey's ability to pay for its imports.

The move was followed by requests to international banks and financiers to defer repayment of outstanding debts and interest, with short-term maturity. Turkey's overall debts are estimated to be around \$ 15 billion.

The minister admitted that despite the measures, the expected flow of foreign currency and credits never materialized because of what he termed "a lack of confidence.

The Turkish economy again plunged into an inflationary spiral because of less output by factories which operated at low capacity. The government introduced a fresh austerity package to correct

Japan company urges funds for venture in Iran

TOKYO, July 24 (R) - Japan's Mitsui industrial group said Tuesday it was urging the government to invest \$ 240 million in a petrochemical venture in Iran and upgrade it to a national Japanese project.

The project to build a complex at Bandar Shapur, which has been held up by the political situation in Iran, is now expected to cost \$ 3.5 billion instead of the originally estimated \$ 2.5 billion. The senior managing director of

Mitsui and Co. Ltd., Eimei Yamashita, recently visited Iran and got a commitment that Tehran would appropriate about\$ 190 million for additional investment in the project, Mitsui said.

Construction of the complex was almost 85 per cent complete before the revolution stopped work earlier this year.

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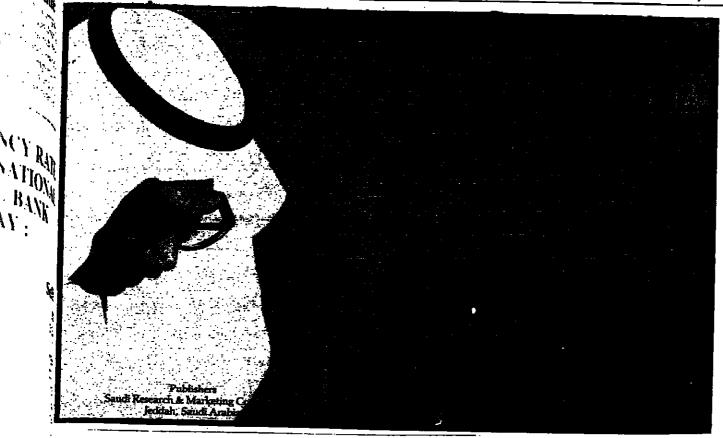
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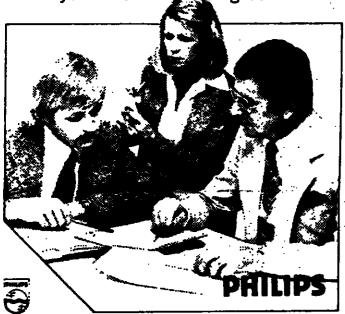
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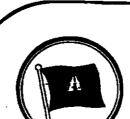
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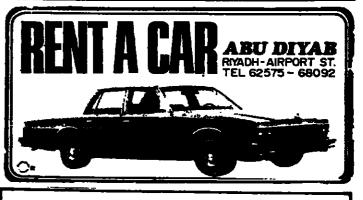
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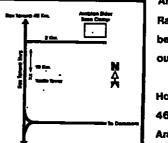




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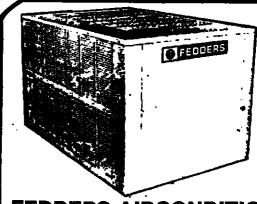
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Sino-Soviet border

clashes renewed as Japan issues warning

HONG KONG, July 24, (R) -China Tuesday accused the Soviet troops of killing a Chinese official and wounding another man in an incident on the Sino-Soviet border ... in northwestern Ninjiang (Sinkiang) Province last week, the Xinhua News Agency reported.

The Chinese Foreign Ministry in a note to the Soviet Embassy in Peking said that about 20 fullyarmed Soviet frontier soldiers. lying in ambush at the Sino-Soviet border in the Tersadi area of Xinjiang Province, killed a Party official and wounded a farm veterinarian.

The note said the Soviet troops intruded into Chinese territory and carried the dead and wounded Chinese citizens into Soviet territ-

ory.
The News Agency said the Chinese government lodged a strong protest with the Soviet government against this incident. It said the provocation and bloodshed was wholly pre-

arranged by the Soviet side. The note charged that since the beginning of this summer. Soviet soidiers had often intruded into Chinese territory to interfere with and dispute the productive

activities of Chinese herdsmen. The Agency said the Foreign Ministry demanded that the Soviet government stop all intrasions and provocations along the border, an immediate return of the injured man and punishment

of the " culprits. It also demanded compensation for the two and effective measures taken to prevent a recurrence of

had deliberately created a bloody border incident at a time when arrangements were being discussed for negotiations on normalizing relations between the two

It was ten years ago (1969) when serious border fighting broke out between Soviet and

commander said in an article published in Moscow that two Soviet soldiers were killed in a border clash with Chinese agents.

clash came just at the time when Japan's leaders were issuing a forecast of a bleak future for Asia. The Japan warning said Asia

shadowed by a massive Soviet military build-up. The regions is expected to

similar incidents. The Agency said the Soviet unit

China and the Soviet Union have agreed that the negotiations. the first of their type between the two countries, should be held at deputy foreign minister level.

Chinese troops. Last May, a Soviet frontier

This latest Sino-Soviet border

would become a main cockpit for superpower rivalry, over-

remain one of instability, according to a Defence Ministry document approved by Prime Minister Masayoshi Ohira and his Cabinet. with no change in confrontation between the United States and the Soviet Union.

The government White Paper is dismal reading for the White ground troops than the U.S., the International

Eastern Province

Sailing and Shoofing liven summer

By Mary Jo McConahay

The long hot summer may seem nowhere longer or hotter than in the Eastern Province, especially to the expatriate from more temperate climes. To him, weeks of 100 degree plus days with 90 degree humidity pose an unprecedented challenge: how to make use of leisure time, bow to exercise and get away from the grind of the job without incurring a heat stroke.

The region's saving grace at such times is its miles of tranquil. accessible coastline -- indeed, beaching and boating are the number-one leisure time activities in the summer, and through most of the winter as well. It is the expatriate crowd, for instance, which has brought back the sail to local waters.

Once this coast was famous for its sailing dhows - magnificent wooden boats which carried dates and other products to and from Tarut, Al Khobar and Ogair. The canvasses were lowered with the appearance of the dirty, noisy, but ultimately more dependable deisel engine. Today, however, sails have reappeared from Jubail. to Half Moon Bay on a different class of boat: the pleasure craft.

These are the sporty windsur-fers and Sunfish, the Lasers, the speedy single and double-sailed Hobie Cats, and even a few bigger keelboats that sail leisurely along as if the venue were the blue Mediterranean instead of the salty green Gulf..

For owners of Lasers, Sunfish and the catamarans, racing is the sport. At the Aramco Yacht Club on any given Friday, for instance. sailors who have taken up the

and luck against more seasoned sportsmen in by-the-book racing. While a good time is had by all even during the sudden shamals when the sails disappear under water and the winners are often those who have learned the quickest method of turning their boats right side up in a squall — the sport has a serious side. Saudi Arabia, for instance, claims one of the world's smallest registered Hobie Cat fleets and the sailors who accumulate the best point scores during the season on Half Moon Bay become the kingdom's official entry in the World Hobie

the local fleet. These Fridays the sailors are vying to race in Brazil. What of those less hardy souls who do not appreciate the finer points of jellyfish and seasnakes or the long drive home encrusted with salt?

Cat Championships. Last year the

world races were held at Padre

Island, Texas, and local sailor-

winners went all-expenses-paid by

For many landlubbers, the local sport is "shoofing," an activity named with a questionable contortion of the Arabic verb which

means "to look at" or "io see." "Shoofing" parties may camp overnight or go out in the relative (90 degrees) cool of the late afternoon to look for a variety of curiosities in the desert: arrowheads, chipped flints as old as man's urge to make his own tools; geodes, common-looking rocks on the outside which split apart to yield a fascinating world of crystal

avocation only since arriving in considered by their finders as architecture, narrow lanes bridged the kingdom match muscle, wit remnants of the fabled ancient by overhead domestic passagetrading civilizations which once ways and exquisitely carved touched these shores, but which wooden doors and lintels. are just as often simply bits of pottery and broken glass.

he, insists an expatriate worker in tell resting on the foun-Dhahran, who remembers the still earlier structure days when an avid woman archeologists have said shoofer" put together an entire 5000 years. (Only wor Ming China tureen from shards enter the area which picked up next to the old customs springs used for bathing a. d launhave been used as ballast in the favorite local picnic spot - the days when Jubail was a busy port.)

tion and new roads are destroying the old shooting grounds. Another constraint on the hobby, one welcome in many quarters, is the attitude of protection and conservation promoted in recent years by the Department of Antiquities. and ivory, and the Innocently collected flotsam and about fifty persons. I jetsam from historical sites that end up on fireplace mantels or Museum of Archeology and Ethwastebaskets far from Saudi Arabia, say the archeologists in Rivadh, may be important clues in the kingdom's historical record.

If "shoofing" for antique souvenirs is on the decline, however, there is a new interest in historical sites themselves. The Eastern Province resident does not have to travel to Cairo or Baghdad: easy day trips — take a picnic lunch! — yield intriguing glimpses of old Arabia.

Qatif is a lush oasis area about 15 kilometers north of Dammam, with a lively Thursday market see the hand-woven carpets and the colorful bird souk. In the town and broken glass which are often remants of traditional Gulf precious stones.

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Tarut Island is reached by causeway from Qatif. Near the Shoofing" isn't what it used to main souk is a Portuguese fort and house at Jubail. (The pottery may dry.) At Tarut's port of Darin is a extensive remains of a inelcenti-Today, however, construct century mud-brick cast

wealthy pearl merchar Jawan is a cross-shar perhaps 1900 years c 10 kilometers from When the tomb wainvestigators found from Jawan can be se. nology in Rivadh. Ogair lies about 100 kilometer.

south of Dhahran, and was once the chief port for the oasis of A Hasa. There are still visible ruin: of a harbor town and a caravanserai where hundreds of camels could be loaded at one time with the sugar, coffee and copper to be hauled to Hofuf. Some people believe this was the site o "Gerrha," a fabulously rich cin waich thrived in antiquity. The people of Gerrha lived comfort ably: doors, walls and roofs o their homes — all traces of which have disappeared - were encrusted with gold and silver lights and spaces; bits of pottery itself and in nearby hamlets are inlaid with ivory, and dotted with

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Race for Indian prime minister Desai gains new votes, but Singh still leads

late Wednesday.

NEW DELHI, July 24 (R) — A regional political group Tuesday threw its support to caretaker Prime Minister Morarji Desai in nis pattie to gain majority support in India's parliament and form a new government.

The All-India Anna Dravida Munetra Kazgam (Ai-Admk). with 18 members of parliament from the southern state of Tamil Nadu announced after a meeting here that it was joining Desai's 210-member Janata Party in the This gives Desai's forces a total

of 228 MPs in the 544-member parliament — still 44 short of the absolute majority required.

Desai, 83, has less than 24 hours left to present the list of his supporters to President Sanjiva Reddy who also called Monday on the other main contender, opposition leader Charan Singh, to prove his claim to a parliamentary

Singh, who appears to be leading at this point, got a big boost

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Monday when former prime alliance with Mrs. Gandhi. minister Indira Gandhi's Congress (I) Party said it was backing him

with its 71 MPs. Singh's total to 250, just 22 short of a majority - but Singh could lose some of that because a group of 15 socialists included in Singh's breakaway Janata (Secular) group said earlier they were against any

Both Desai and Singh must produce their lists for Reddy by

have a range of 2,400 - 2,800 km.

House, and particularly the Pen-

tagon. It pointedly complains that

the Soviet Union - which rivals

the U.S. in the Far East as well as

Europe — is continuing to streng-

then its military power at a much

greater pace than Western coun-

tries, with the apparent aim of

The Soviet Union had more

expanding political influence.

If neither can show a majority, Reddy may dissolve parliament and order a mid-term election.

minister, she jailed Singh along

When Mrs. Gandhi was prime with thousands of political oppo-

nents. But when he was home minister in Desai's government he had her arrested on charges of corruption and misuse of official

White Paper said. It added: " It

cannot be said necessarily that the

U.S. has the advantage... in the

fields of strategic and theatre nuc-

lear weapons, and naval and air

If the West did not react

appropriately, increased Soviet

military power would probably

greatly influence global affairs, it

Singh's former Janata Party colleagues, who fought against Mrs. Gandhi's rigorous emergency rule, promptly denounced his association with her as "political treachery."

Zia rejects clemency

Bhutto codefendants said set to hang ISLAMABAD, July 24 (AP) ___ members of the now disbanded

Four men convicted along with former Prime Minister Zulfikar Ali Bhutto in a political murder case were expected to be hanged Wednesday morning, informed sources said Tuesday.

Bhutto was executed April 4 after his death penalty had been confirmed by the supreme court, for ordering the killing of a political opponent in 1974. His four codefendants, all

para-military Federal Security Force, were reported to have confessed their part in the conspiracy and actual killing and applied for clemency, which was rejected by President Gen. Zia Ul Haq. The four are Mian Muhammad

Abbas, Soofi Ghulam Mustafa, Arshad Iqbal and Rana Iftikhar Ahmed.

Zia had also turned down appe-

als from several world leaders to save Bhutto's life, saying he would not interfere with the supreme court's decision. No formal clemency petition was made by Bhutto's family. Under Pakistani law, only a petition by the family could have been considered for

Since Bhutto's execution, there has been speculation that the four co-defendants might be spared.

Francois-Poncet attacks East on status of Berlin

conflicts erupt between China and the USSR. The missile is said to

EAST BERLIN, July 24 (R) -French Foreign Minister Jean Francios-Poncet began a two-day official visit to East Germany Monday by attacking the Communist government's recent changes in the special status of

"France has recently deplored and will always deplore unilateral changes in the situation in Berlin, for as you know Berlin is at the center of detente," Francios-Poncet told East Germany Foreign Minister Oskar Fishnhe and other Communist leaders at a

The attack referred to East Germany's abolition last month of the special status of East Berlin deputies within the national parliament. Instead of being nominated by the city council, they will be chosen in national elections.

France joined the United States and Britain in protesting the change. They said it violated a 1971 agreement setting out the special political position of both East and West Berlin and forbidding integration of either part into East or West Germany.

El Cordobes breaks all fight records

MADRID, July 24 (AP) - The newspaper "Ya" said Tuesday that millionaire builfighter Manuel Benitez, "El Cordobes," pocketed a record 8 million pesetas -\$123,000 for his comeback Sunday in the tourist resort of

The gate for the fight was 14 million pesetas — \$215,000 and the 41-year-old matador got more than half of that in ending eight years of retirement the newspaper said.

The highest amount reported paid to a builfighter before El Cordobes' reappearance was 5 million pesetas - \$76,000 - to Spanish matador Paco Camino in

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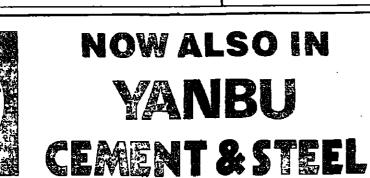
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